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Pumpkins Galore At E. Cecchi Farms...



NOW THAT HALLOWEEN is a few short weeks away, E. Cecchi Farms at 1131 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, has pumpkins galore to help you with your "spooky" decorating. IN LEFT PHOTO: Dillon and Megan Cecchi are perched upon a pumpkin wagon. IN RIGHT PHOTO: Bob Cecchi stands next to the pumpkin wagon, complete with cornstalks and a "rustic" scarecrow. (See additional photo on Page 2.) Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

Berkshire Power Will Take Their Case To The State...

Town Council Denies Oil Storage License For Power Plant

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

After an overwhelming Town Council vote denying the application to store a half-million gallons of fuel oil as a back-up energy supply for their gas-fired power plant under construction on Moylan Lane, Berkshire Power officials are preparing an appeal to the state Energy Facilities Siting Board (EFSB).

Before the council voted 8-3 to overwhelmingly deny the oil storage license, Councilor Gina M. Letellier read a letter explaining why her past relationship with the Concerned Citizens and Businesses of Agawam did not disqualify her from voting on the Berkshire Power oil license.

Ms. Letellier said she had appeared as an attorney for the CCBA during 1995 and 1996 and that there were still outstanding CCBA legal bills due the law firm. However, Ms. Letellier said there is no conflict of interest in her participation in the Berkshire Power public hearings and vote because the outcome of the vote would have no effect on CCBA's obligation to pay the fees.

In advance of Monday night's meeting, Berkshire Power sent a memo to the council claiming that Ms. Letellier's "active participation in the consideration of Berkshire Power's application for a

fuel oil storage permit raises serious questions of impropriety under the State Conflict of Interest law." The memo states that Ms. Letellier should, at the very least, recuse herself from the oil storage issue as well as any other issues involving Berkshire Power.

After the vote was taken, Ms. Letellier denied any conflict of interest and said her participation did not change the outcome of the vote.

"Even if you take away my vote, it's still 7-3," Ms. Letellier said. "If I had recused myself, I would have been unable to discuss the issue or to ask questions."

Citing an "obvious conflict of interest" with one councilor and an unwillingness on the part of several councilors to make a decision based on the facts, rather than political motivations, Berkshire Power Attorney John A. DeTore said the company had met all the state requirements, had received the approval of the fire chief, and had made a good faith attempt to go through the local process to address community concerns.

Also, Berkshire Power representatives pointed out that they had agreed to an informal council re-

quest that they voluntarily agree in writing to seek a reduction in the number of days each year the plant can burn fuel oil as a back-up fuel from the current state-allowed maximum of 30 days to a maximum of eight days.

Power Development chief operating officer Kenneth Roberts said the company would agree to the council's request, with the stipulation that the company would not be held responsible if a future interruption in the supply of natural gas led to the company being required by state regulators to burn oil for more than eight days (rather than allow the supply of electricity to be affected).

However, the council rejected an amendment, offered by Council Vice-President Robert Magovern, limiting Berkshire Power to eight days of oil firing per year in a 7-4 vote.

Berkshire Power's Intention...

Berkshire Power said it will burn fuel oil only if the supply of natural gas should be interrupted during the coldest months of the year. Berkshire Power plant manager Frank Basile told the council he would prefer never to run the plant on fuel oil because gas is cleaner and the plant runs more

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efficiently under gas firing.

"I have operated a facility within 15 miles of this plant (in Springfield) and interruptions of gas service do happen here. In the coldest weather, we have had two to three days, not always full days, when the gas companies do ask us to go on to fuel oil because their priority is serving homes, schools, and hospitals."

But, the majority of the council could not be convinced that the oil storage license would be in the town's best interest and several councilors openly distrusted the power developers' ability to deliver on their promises, citing incidents like the failure of the company to notify neighbors of a 2:00 a.m. concrete pour that disturbed people's sleep some months ago.

Also, several councilors charged that the power developers had originally presented the project as a gas-fired plant without mentioning a back-up oil supply. Roberts said using oil as a back-up fuel has always been part of the company's plan.

Council President Donald M. Rheault chided company officials for the 2:00 a.m. concrete pour, even though the building inspector had given permission for the company to accept the delivery outside the construction hours previously agreed upon (by Berkshire Power).

"That was not in direct agreement with what you said before," Rheault said. "There's a lack of trust here. It's difficult for me to believe you are going to burn oil for five days when you have a 30-day permit."

DeTore claimed the council had not been interested in the factual answers to the questions posed, but had tried to raise red herring issues. For instance, DeTore dismissed the notion that the oil tanker traffic to supply the tank could create a serious safety issue.

"We're talking about two tanker trucks an hour in an area that typically has 3,400 vehicles an hour," DeTore said of the route planned for the tankers to reach the Moylan Lane site.

Other Issues Raised By The Councilors...

Other issues raised by the councilors included shortcomings in the company's evacuation plan; the company's failure to contact neighboring residents and businesses to discuss concerns over the plan; added air pollution during oil firing of the plant; and the fear that the company would burn oil for the full 30 days allowed by the state.

According to Rheault, the council was trying to protect the citizens of Agawam from anything that might possibly go wrong rather than from any

"Are You Looking For A Pumpkin???"

AS BOB CECCHI (above) can easily show you, E. Cecchi Farms on Springfield Street certainly has a wide variety of pumpkins to choose from this year. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

design flaws in the project.

"The tank construction wasn't the issue. Quite honestly, they haven't been candid with us," Rheault said. "It doesn't behoove Agawam to facilitate their oil storage. All we're doing is polluting the air. If they can't produce electricity, that's no benefit to Agawam because we're not going to use their electricity."

But, company officials said interrupting the supply of electricity to the grid serving the region could pose serious repercussions, citing warnings of rolling brownouts from the New England

Power Pool last year.

"Anyone who thinks the lights can't go off hasn't been paying attention," Roberts said.

Voting in favor of the oil storage license were Councilors Nancy Thompson, Jill Simpson, and George Bitzas. Opposed were Rheault, Magovern, Ms. Letellier, and Councilors Robert Young, Edward Caba, Dennis Perry, John Negrucci, and Gary Geiger.

Ms. Letellier declined to comment on her reasons for turning down the request "until we see their grounds for appeal."

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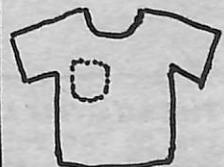
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Letters To The Editor

Appreciation Expressed For Agawam's Emergency Services

To The Editor:

We are very grateful to the Agawam EMT's, Agawam police, and all others for their rapid response and most caring manner that was shown by all following a 911 call for our father.

Also, we wish to commend them for their deep concern in regard to our mother's health at this particular time.

With deepest appreciation,
Elaine B. Barrie, Cynthia B. Kuder,
and Charles W. Brown III
Agawam

Big E Parking Shuttle Fundraiser Is Again A Success

To The Editor:

Our Big E Parking Shuttle fundraiser was once again a success.

We wish to thank everyone who used the Shuttle, and all the band parents who volunteered for parking lot duty to raise money for the band.

Sincerely,
Roxanne Borowiec, Secretary
AHS Band Parents' Association

Kasprian Seeks Debate With Other Candidates

To The Editor:

The following letter was sent to all candidates for Governor's Council, which included Edward O'Brien and Robert Magovern. To date, I've received no response from either candidate.

It is my sincere hope that *The Agawam Advertiser News* would sponsor either a formal or informal debate for this constitutional office of the Governor's Council.

Thank you very much.

Abe Kasprian
Candidate for Governor's Council

October 1, 1998

As I'm sure you are aware, it seems that the office of the Governor's Council is widely unknown to most citizens. It occurred to me that a debate between the candidates for the Governor's Council might be the catalyst that helps in educating the public on the important responsibilities and issues that the Governor's Council faces.

In an effort to educate the voters of the four counties of the Eighth district, I am proposing a series of debates between the candidates. I was able to procure the first debate with Larry Kratka of WUHN of Pittsfield, who hosts a local cable access television show. The show is broadcast to the Berkshire County Cable audience. The host of the debate will determine the debate format.

I am suggesting the following issues for discussion:

* The Constitutional office called the Governor's Council and its ability to affect issues in Western Massachusetts.

* The current pardon practices of restoring firearm rights to ex-violent offenders and individuals engaged in illegal narcotic activity.

* The careful and methodical selection of judicial appointments that would always be mindful of victims' rights.

* The present inefficiencies and the lack of due diligence on the Governor's Council, which is personified by the recent discovery of Joseph Yandie's unverified military record.

* Policy modification of the current Parole Board procedures and how it affects the public.

* The unfunded pension liability leftover from the abolishment of County Government.

* Western Massachusetts' capital planning projects, which were recently vetoed by the Governor's office.

* Discussion of lowering the income tax rate in the Commonwealth.

Our office is closed on Columbus Day (Monday, October 12th); however, we ask that you please slide your articles, press releases, etc., under our door. Thank you!

It is important for candidates vying for any public office to educate the voters as to the worthiness of the office that they seek and the ability of the individual seeking the office. The most effective way to achieve this goal is via candidates discussing and debating the issues in a public forum.

It is my hope that you agree with me that this debate will be an asset to the community and the voters. In order for this educational process to begin, your participation is imperative.

Your response will be greatly appreciated no later than Monday, October 5, 1998. Please fax your response to (413) 789-4901.

Respectfully submitted,
Abe Kasprian
Candidate for Governor's Council

Spfld. Chamber Of Commerce Supports Ballot Question 4

To The Editor:

The Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, which includes representatives from the Agawam Chamber of Commerce, has unanimously voted to support a YES vote on Ballot Question 4 in November - to keep the new Massachusetts Electricity Law. This important law allows competition and consumer choice, and reduces electric rates for all customers.

A YES vote on Ballot Question 4 will continue the new law and all its benefits, including guaranteed rate reductions, consumer protections, and economic benefits. A "no" vote would repeal the entire law.

Our business members are well aware that New England, and specifically Massachusetts, has always been a difficult place to maintain and locate a competitive business. Costs of electricity have historically been high.

Last year, the Legislature passed a law that restructured the electricity industry and required electric companies to cut rates by 10 percent on March 1, 1998 and to reduce rates by another five percent by September 1999. The law also sets a rate cap to lock in these lower rates for at least six years.

These are just the short-term savings that all Massachusetts consumers and businesses have begun receiving. A recent economic study forecasts that by the year 2010, restructuring and competition brought about by the new law will reduce electricity prices by 28 percent. This cumulative \$10 billion savings for businesses and consumers, in turn, will strengthen our state's economy.

In addition, the new law allows organizations such as the Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce as well as businesses, cities, and towns to create purchasing co-ops and shop for power contracts that provide members with even lower rates.

The new law also provides the opportunity to eliminate sales tax on electricity transmission costs for retail and other non-industrial businesses, saving this business sector an estimated \$30 million a year; protects the reliability of our electric service; and helps boost our state's economy by lowering the cost of doing business in Massachusetts.

If this important law is repealed, the guaranteed rate reductions, consumer protections, and economic benefits of the law will be gone. Please join with the Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce and thousands of Massachusetts businesses, organizations, and individual citizens from all walks of life in voting YES on 4 in November.

Sincerely,
Russell F. Denver, Esq., President
Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce



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Veterans' Corner...

by Ruth C. Bitzas
Veterans' Agent

This week, we will finish up our World War II list and begin the Korean War list for the Honor Roll. Remember, once all of the wartime lists are published, we will publish the list one more time (which will be our corrected list based on additional names and documentation furnished by AAN readers).

Next year, the Honor Roll will be erected on Veterans' Green. Anyone who did not come forward and does so when the project is completed will be listed on the "add-on" plaque and not in the original alphabetical list.

You can see why I mention every week the importance of contacting anyone whose name may be missing on our published lists. We need your help in coming up with as accurate a listing as possible. We've done our best and now turn to you for your assistance.

The following is the list of World War II veterans whose last names begin with "W," "Y," and "Z":

Bertrand H. Waite, Raymond T. Waite, John S. Walker, Marion F. Walls, John L. Walsh, William T. Walsh, Julian C. Waniewski, Matthew Waniewski, Ervin C. Waskiel, James R. Wason, George Webster, Jr., Ralph L. Webster, Aubrey Wells, Charles L. Wells, William G. Wells, Virginia L. Wentworth, Edward A. West, Heldene R. West, Paul E. West, Richard R. West.

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Peter P. Yezierski, Stanley W. Zancho, Angelo P. Zanotti, Libero A. Zanotti, Frank D. Zerbato, Jerry L. Zerra, Grace A. Zerra, Mitchell Zielinski.

(* Died while in service). *

THE KOREAN WAR:

Those who served at least 90 days (one of which was wartime) under Honorable Conditions. This week, we begin with Agawam Korean War veterans whose last name begins with "A" and "B."

(If you have any questions or comments, please contact Veterans' Services, Agawam Town Hall, 786-0400, ext. 236/237.)

Elliot H. Aitchison, Bruce J. Anderson, Deane O. Andrews, Peter C. Aninger, James I. Ashe, Donald J. Avery, Roger J. Avery.

John A. Babcock, Richard W. Backstrom, Robert I. Backstrom, Bruce S. Bailey, William J. Balboni, Roland J. Banville, Warren D. Barlow, Harold R. Barnes, Thomas Barton, Peter J. Barufaldi, Robert E. Beauchane, Wilbur G. Beauchane, Leon F. Beaulieu, Jr., Robert A. Binnenkade, Wilfred H. Bissonnette, John H. Bodurtha.

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Ruth C. Bitzas' "Veterans' Corner" is a regular feature of the Advertiser News...

A Unanimous Vote At Its Last Meeting...

Planning Board Nixes Revised Site Plan For Cell Phone Tower

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

At its meeting last week, the Planning Board turned a unanimous thumbs down on a telecommunications company's bid seeking permission to allow the completion of a cell phone tower that had been constructed 26 feet from the location approved by the Zoning Board of Appeals, the Conservation Commission, and the Planning Board.

A month ago, Planning Board members heard from representatives of Unisite, which took over the construction and ownership of the tower from Omnipoint Communications, Inc., and plans to rent space on the tower to Omnipoint for a transmission antenna. Unisite officials admitted the tower was mistakenly erected 26 feet from the location approved by the Planning Board, the ZBA, and the Conservation Commission last spring.

Unisite's pleas for approval of an amended site plan to solve the dilemma fell on deaf ears despite pledges to plant more and larger trees to screen the site to lessen the visual impact on Main Street and to replace three trees mistakenly cut down during the construction of the pole, which is 90 percent complete.

Unisite site acquisition and zoning coordinator Paul A. DeCoste explained at an earlier Planning Board meeting that the stakes put down by surveyors to mark the original location were never moved by the original developers of the site, even though the location was changed three times before receiving approval from the town.

Unimpressed By Unisite's Offer...

But Planning Board members were unimpressed by Unisite's offer to spend the landscaping money they would save if they were allowed to complete the tower on the wrong location, plus a \$20,000 fund on beautification projects elsewhere in town. The Planning Board voted 4-0 against approving a revised site plan that would have allowed

ed the tower to remain on a site 26 feet from the site originally approved by the town's permitting agencies.

At meetings of the Planning Board, Director of Planning and Community Development Deborah S. Dachos argued that the problem could not be resolved by adding more and taller trees as suggested by Unisite representatives in their plan to mitigate the felling of a number of trees by mistake.

"This is a gateway area into town that we have been trying to make as attractive as possible. Riverside Park is investing millions of dollars to beautify that area and the critical issue here was the location of the pole on that site, not the number of trees that were cut down by mistake," Ms. Dachos maintained at a Planning Board meeting last month. "A planting area that was to have been 50 feet wide is now down to 24 feet."

Although the Conservation Commission found that Unisite's request to allow the tower to remain in the wrong place would not cause adverse impacts to the wetlands on the site, the Planning Board rejected the company's revised site plan.

Planning Board member Geoffrey MacDonald said Unisite had shown the board nothing that would mitigate the visual impacts of allowing the tower to be completed on the wrong site, before the board voted against the revised site plan.

Unisite representatives could not be reached at presstime to discuss their plan to either move the tower or appeal the Planning Board's decision.

But, Building Inspector Dominic Urbinati said the company had not applied for a demolition permit for the tower's concrete foundation as of late Tuesday, October 6th. A demolition permit will be needed before Unisite can begin the process of dismantling the tower and moving it to the approved location.

A reminder to all clubs, civic organizations, etc.: please remember to publicize your events at least two weeks in advance. Thank you ... AAN!!!

"Memorial Tree Planting Program" Coming To A Close

The Agawam Beautification Committee announced that the fall phase of its "Memorial Tree Planting Program" is coming to a close. Those interested in having a memorial tree planted this year should contact the town Planning Office in the next few weeks.

Under this program, individuals or organizations can donate a tree as a living memorial to an individual or cause of their choice. The donation for an individual tree is \$125. Each donor will be notified when and where a tree is planted. Also, the name of the donor and the name of the person or cause being memorialized will be inscribed on a brass plate and mounted on the Memorial Tree Plaque located in the front lobby of the Agawam Town Hall.

The trees will be planted at locations throughout town on an as-needed basis as was determined by a townwide tree inventory conducted by citizen volunteers in 1995. These locations include visible public areas, near public buildings, along major streets, and at approaches to the gateways to the community.

A brochure describing the program in greater detail, along with an order form, can be obtained at the Library and the Town Hall Lobby, or by calling the Planning Office at 786-0400, ext. 246.

Trees are normally planted in the fall and late spring after a minimum number of donations are received.

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— Agawam Obituaries —

Libby Campa

Libby Campa, of 44 Meadowbrook Manor, Agawam, died Friday, October 2nd, at Mercy Hospital in Springfield.

He traveled throughout the country most of his life as an "entertainer."

He played piano and sang for many years at the Federal Hill Club and worked at countless other restaurants and clubs throughout this area, including Vincent's Steak House. He also performed with such greats as Pearl Bailey and Ella Fitzgerald.

In the early 1980's, he left this area to perform at a resort on the island of Tortola in the British Virgin Islands. He returned in the late 1980's and began singing and playing the piano with Richie and Kathy Mitnick.

He would be at Sounds of Music in West Springfield, six days a week, assisting everyone there and bringing a smile to anyone who walked in and was lucky enough to meet him.

He also played piano every Thursday for the Rotary Club of Agawam, where he was an Honorary Member.

He performed in Keene, New Hampshire, as recently as this past August.

He was also an avid, low-handicapped golfer.

He is survived by a son, Ronald Campagna of Minnesota; a daughter, Sandra Purdy of Cocoa Beach, Florida; two brothers, "Benny" of Manchester, Connecticut, and Pat of Springfield; a niece and nephew, MaryAnn and Danny Shenefield of Agawam, as well as several other nieces and nephews; four grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Interment will be held in the British Virgin Islands. Leete-Stevens Enfield Chapels, 61 South Road, Enfield, Connecticut, was in charge of the arrangements.

Marjorie Ward

Marjorie Ward, 100, of 55 Cooper Street, Agawam, died Monday, October 5, 1998 at Heritage Hall Genesis Eldercare after an illness.

Born in Athol, Massachusetts, on March 8, 1898, she was the daughter of Ansel T. and Lillian (Shutliff) Ward, and had lived there most of her life. She lived in Athol until 1916, when she graduated from Athol High School.

Miss Ward graduated from Smith College and went on to Columbia University, where she received her master's degree in education. She started her teaching career in North Brookfield before coming to Agawam High School in 1922, where she taught for more than 41 years, retiring in 1965.

She was a member of the Agawam Congregational Church for many years, and of the Ladies Aid Society of the church.

She was also a member of the Smith College Alumni Association, the Retired Teachers Association, and the Order of the Eastern Star in Athol. She was an avid Boston Red Sox fan.

She leaves two nieces, Nancy Gray of Athol and Barbara Aldrich of Glenview, Illinois, and several grandnieces and grandnephews.

Graveside services will be held in Silver Lake Cemetery, Athol, at the convenience of the family. There are no calling hours.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial contributions be made to the Agawam Congregational Church, Capital Fund, 745 Main Street, Agawam, MA 01001.

Higgins-O'Connor Funeral Home at 146 Main Street, Athol, is in charge of the arrangements.

Martha L. Allen

Martha L. (Blake) Allen, formerly of 62 Center Street, Agawam, died in a local nursing home.

She was a private secretary at Control Engineering Co. of Longmeadow, taught evening classes at Springfield's High School of Commerce, and was a teacher at the former Hartford Retreat.

She was born in Williamstown, and was a 1931 graduate of Williamstown High School, and a 1933 graduate of Bay Path Institute in Springfield (now Bay Path College in Longmeadow).

She attended the First Baptist Church for 50 years, and belonged to its Women's Club and Mr. and Mrs. Club.

Her husband, G. Stephen Allen, died in 1992.

She leaves two daughters, Adrienne Allen of Granby, Connecticut, and Shelley Allen, last of Austin, Texas.

A memorial service was held in the church, with a private burial in Center Cemetery. Colonial-Forastiere Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Martha Allen Scholarship Fund at Mount Greylock Regional High School, in care of Adrienne Allen, 10 Partridge Meadow, Granby, CT 06035.

Edith M. Blakesley

Edith M. (Downy) Blakesley, 90, of 1200 Suffield Street, Agawam, died at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield.

She worked at the former Gurvich Lumber Co., and retired in 1968.

Born in Easthampton, she lived in Oldsmar, Florida, for 27 years. She returned to this area recently.

She was a graduate of Easthampton High School, and a 66-year volunteer at the St. Joseph's Hospital gift shop in Tampa, Florida.

She was predeceased by her husband, Raymond W., in February.

She leaves a daughter, Merle B. Olsen of Feeding Hills; two sisters, Olive Greene of Easthampton and Marian Lemery of Westhampton; seven grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

The funeral was held at the South Congregational Church in Springfield, and the burial was at the convenience of the family. Agawam Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to the church memorial fund at 45 Maple Street, Springfield, MA 01105.

Raphael Albano

Raphael "Ralph" ("Chubby") Albano, 62, of 4 Haskell Street, Agawam, died at Cooley-Dickinson Hospital in Northampton.

He retired in 1992 after 38 years as a control foreman with the former Western New England Telephone, now NYNEX.

Born in Springfield, he had lived in Agawam for 30 years.

He was a communicant of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, Springfield.

He was an Army veteran of the Korean War, and attained the rank of sergeant in the Signal Corps.

He leaves his wife, the former Gloria R. Cocchi; three sons, Ralph A. and Thomas C., both of Columbia, Maryland, and John F. of Seattle, Washington; two daughters, Donna M. O'Malley of Durham, Connecticut, and Sandra L. Albano of Westfield; a brother, Michael of Las Vegas, Nevada; a sister, Dolores Perez of Springfield; and four grandchildren.

The funeral was held at Forastiere Funeral Home of Springfield, followed by a Mass in the church. Burial was in the Springfield Street Cemetery, Feeding Hills.

Mildred A. Ricco

Mildred A. (Ashline) Ricco, 74, of Jacksonville, Florida, and a 44-year resident of Agawam, died recently at her home in Jacksonville.

She was a graduate of Springfield (Massachusetts) Technical High School, and attended William and Mary College.

She was a Navy veteran of World War II.

She was a Girl Scout leader for seven years, a volunteer at Heritage Hall Nursing Home, and the Agawam Senior Center Library. She was also active with the Literacy Plus program in the Springfield schools.

She worshipped at St. John the Evangelist Church in Agawam, and was a Confraternity of Christian Doctrine teacher.

She leaves her daughter, Deborah Berbig of Jacksonville.

Vivien Crumly

Vivien (Tift) Crumly, 93, of Feeding Hills, died on September 22nd in a local nursing home.

She was a secretary at the Navy Department in Washington, and an analyst for the Central Intelligence Agency in Langley, Virginia.

Born in Natick, Rhode Island, she was schooled in Agawam, and was a graduate of George Washington University with a bachelor of arts degree in foreign affairs.

She attended the Davies Memorial Unitarian Church in Temple Hill, Maryland, and returned to the Agawam/Feeding Hills area in 1978.

She was the treasurer, secretary, vice president, and two-year president of the First Unitarian-Universalist Society Alliance in Springfield.

She was predeceased by her husband, Howard Crumly.

She leaves a nephew, Frank Tift of Springfield, and two nieces, Marilyn Fox of Simsbury, Connecticut, and Cheryl Nevius of Brewster.

A memorial service will be held on the morning of November 14th at the First Unitarian-Universalist Society.

There were no calling hours, and Agawam Curran-Jones Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to the society at 245 Porter Lake Drive, Springfield, MA 01108.

Michael G. Green

Michael G. Green, 75, of Forestville, Maryland, and formerly of Feeding Hills, died at a nursing home in Hyattsville, Maryland.

He was a 23-year veteran of the Navy, retiring with the rating of petty officer first class.

Born in Feeding Hills, he lived in Forestville for several years.

He leaves his wife, the former Anna M. Mason; a daughter, Marie Heaton of Maryland; two brothers, George of West Springfield and Edward of Citrus Heights, California; a sister, Josephine Paige of West Springfield; and two granddaughters.

The funeral was held at Colonial-Forastiere Funeral Home of Agawam, and the Sacred Heart Church in Feeding Hills. The burial was at St. Michael's Cemetery in Springfield.

Memorial contributions may be made to the decedent's granddaughters' educational fund, in care of Anna Green, 7901 Steve Drive, Forestville, Maryland 20747.

Rose O'Toole

Rose O'Toole, 78, of Agawam, died in a local nursing home.

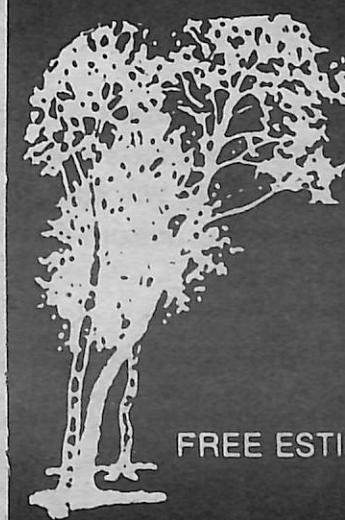
A 38-year federal worker, she worked at the Defense Department in Washington, D.C., and at U.S. Army Europe Headquarters in Heidelberg, Germany.

She was born in Brighton, and lived in Washington, D.C., Texas, and Holyoke before moving to Agawam in 1990.

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She was a graduate of St. Columbkille High School in Brighton and the Boston Clerical School.

She was a Navy veteran of World War II, and a former communicant of St. John's Church.

She leaves four sisters, Lillian M. Thompson and Josephine B. O'Toole of West Springfield, St. Mary Redemptus O'Toole of the Sisters of St. Joseph in Framingham, and Theresa Vigneault of Shrewsbury.

The funeral was held at Toomey-O'Brien Funeral Home and St. Thomas Church, with the burial at St. Joseph's Cemetery in West Roxbury.

Elsie R. Kloiber

Elsie R. Kloiber, 80, formerly of 184 North Street, Agawam, died in a Longmeadow nursing home.

She was born in West Springfield, and lived in West Springfield and Agawam until 1996.

She leaves her sister, Frieda Grzebien of Agawam.

The funeral was held at Agawam Curran-Jones Funeral Home and St. Thomas Church in West Springfield. The burial was held at Springfield Street Cemetery in Feeding Hills.

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TOWN OF AGAWAM
BOARD OF APPEALS

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing at the Agawam Middle School Cafeteria, 68 Main St., Agawam, MA on THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15, 1998 at 6:45 P.M., for all parties interested in the appeal of WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS ELECTRIC COMPANY (WMECO), who is seeking a Special Permit in accordance with Section 180-63, of the Zoning Ordinances, which would allow for the construction of a South Agawam Substation New 115kV Switching Station at the premises identified as: 38 MOYLAN LANE.

Larry Hoague
Acting Chairman

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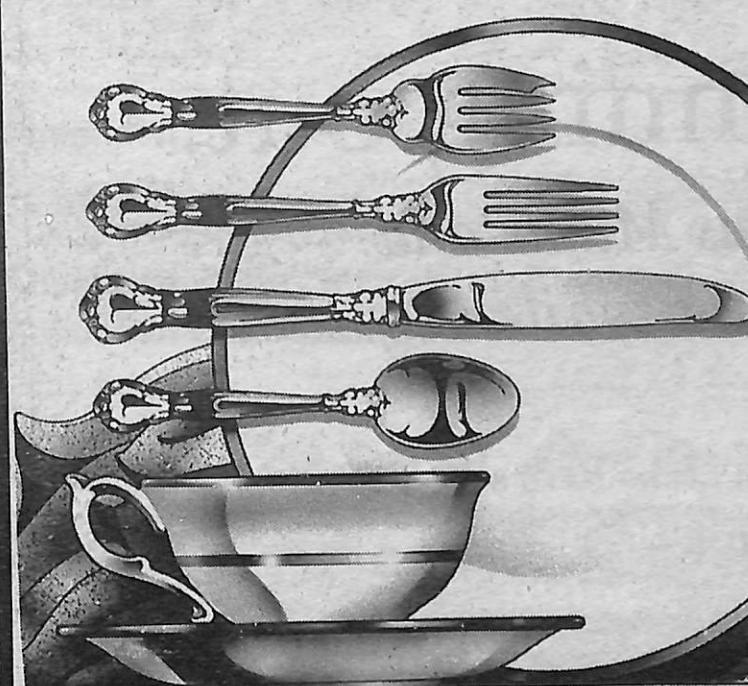
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**Supporters Of Ballot Question Number 2...**

LOCAL ACTIVISTS WHO SUPPORT "Clean Elections" (ballot question number 2) gathered at a dinner last Friday, October 2nd, at the Greek Cultural Center in Springfield. From left to right: Richard Tuckey, Rudy Altobelli, Attorney Patricia Hebert, Dave Walsh, Meanette Vermes, and Barbara Dunn.

State Representative Dan Keenan's Newest Cable Show Will Debut Sun., October 11th

A new episode of "From Your House to the State House with Representative Dan Keenan" will be debuting Sunday, October 11th on Channel 9 at 10:30 a.m., and will air every Sunday during the month of October.

Keenan is joined by guest Gail Freeman, Depu-

ty Director of the Agawam Senior Center, to discuss senior issues and the Agawam Senior Center.

Please share any concerns or suggestions with Rep. Keenan by contacting him at his district office, 786-4545, on 342 Springfield Street, Agawam.

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October 12th, Columbus Day, provides a rare opportunity to reflect on both our past and our future. We look back and realize that Columbus' exploration paved the way to the New World.

We feel the joy of his discovery and appreciate the chance to live in the country he found. His courage and vision changed the world. At the same time, no event that brings great change can be wholly positive and we must not forget the harm the European expansion caused to the native cultures of North America.

Columbus himself has become the embodiment of the costs and consequences of change. He was unquestionably one of the great mariners and explorers of his day. The son of a Genoa wool merchant, he is rightly revered by many Italian-Americans and others as the man who opened an entirely new world of opportunity to so many of the poor, disenfranchised, and persecuted in Europe.

He is the father of all of America's immigrants. To others, especially Native Americans, the changes he brought unfortunately included new diseases and the loss of their native lands.

Exploration always changes events in both positive and negative ways. Columbus' experiences provide a cautionary tale for our own explorations today. In many ways, we are beginning another great age of discovery. Computers seem to charge the way we live on a daily basis, researchers begin to unravel our genetic code, and scientists discover new truths about our solar system and our universe.

We should take great joy in these discoveries. They are triumphs for human curiosity, exemplifying the spirit that brought Columbus to the New World. However, we must also remember that Columbus' discovery did not come without cost and neither will these discoveries.

We must make it our mission to continue Columbus' spirit of exploration. We must adopt his steadfast vision and dedication to the future, but also remember the lessons from his experience in our own explorations. Change and invention are never completely good.

We must embrace the positive and be vigilant against the negative. Helping all people to succeed in the face of new events and ideas would be a fitting tribute to the sacrifices that Columbus made so that we could enjoy the New World.

Rep. Keenan Slates Annual Pasta Dinner

Please join State Representative Dan Keenan for an evening of great food at his annual Pasta Dinner on Wednesday, October 21st at the Polish American Club on Southwick Street in Feeding Hills from 5:00-7:00 p.m.

Ticket prices are \$5 for general admission and \$3 for senior citizens and children under 12. Tickets will be available to purchase at the door.

Dan looks forward to the dinner and encourages everyone to bring their appetite!



Polish Club Supports Vets' Honor Roll...



THE AGAWAM VETERANS' COUNCIL, which recently kicked off its major fundraising effort for the Veterans' Honor Roll project, received a \$5,000 donation from the Polish American Club Bingo. From left to right: George Schlagel, Veterans' Council; Bob Binnenkade, Bingo Chairman; Veterans' Agent Ruth Bitzas; Jim Griffin, Bingo worker; and Ed Kellogg, Chairman of the Veterans' Council. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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FireWise...

by Fire Chief David Pisano

Plan Now For A Worry-Free Winter!

As the temperatures drop, the number of residential fires goes up. The Agawam Fire Department wants you to have a worry-free winter by taking the following precautions:

Before the home heating season begins, have a qualified serviceman inspect your furnace and change the filters. Make sure that all papers, trash, and flammable liquids are kept away from the furnace area.

If you have a fireplace or wood stove that you use for home heating, make sure it's cleaned and inspected by a qualified chimney sweep. Burn only dry, well-seasoned hard woods such as oak, hickory and maple. Avoid wood that is green and moist.

When using your fireplace, make sure the opening is covered with a metal screen or glass doors, and never leave a fire unattended. A wood stove should have a minimum clearance of 36 inches between the stove and combustible walls and ceilings.

Flammable liquids should never be used to start or accelerate any fire. Place ashes in a metal container and store outside away from the house.

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TOWN OF AGAWAM AGAWAM PLANNING BOARD

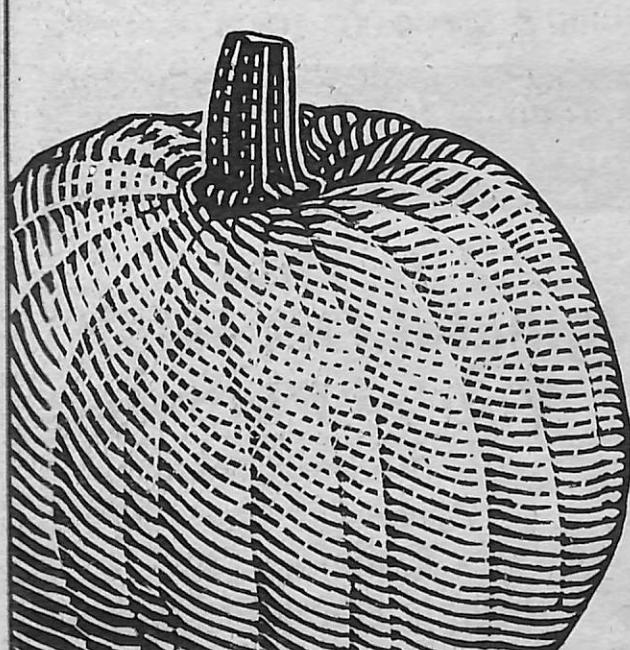
The Agawam Planning Board will hold a public hearing on Thursday, October 15, 1998 at 7:15 PM in the Faolin Peirce Community Room, Agawam Police Station, 681 Springfield Street, Agawam. The purpose of this hearing will be to hear the

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petition of Barton, Satkowski, Kane and Duquette for a revision to the Definitive Subdivision Plan of MacBrook Estates which is a request for waiver of Section 159-31A of the Planning Board Rules and Regulations regarding buffers on Lots 16, 17, 18 and 19 Tobacco Farm Road.

By Order of Charles R. Calabrese, Chairman
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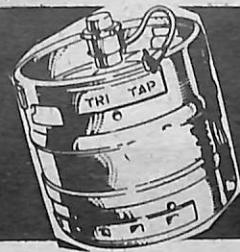
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"Christian Cyclist" Sue Joseph Is Back Home In F. Hills

After 2½ months, Sue Joseph, "WHEEL POWER Christian Cyclist" extraordinaire, is home.

Sue had been traveling for 78 days, cycling over 4,300 miles and seeing 12 states — all on a bike! Sue arrived back on the east coast at Yorktown Beach, Virginia, on August 21st.

Her mom and dad were at home in Feeding Hills, waiting for her to come home. They wanted to hear all about her mission, congratulate her on completing her quest, and give her a big hug.

Shortly after returning to Feeding Hills, Sue stopped into Fitness First to "spin" (more cycling - spinning is a class where you bike on a stationary bike for miles and miles to the beat of the music). She told of her WHEEL POWER mission from state to state sharing the Gospel. (WHEEL POWER stands for: Witnessing, Helping, Evangelizing, Encouraging, and Loving as we Pedal Our Way to Eternal Rewards.)

How did she ever come upon doing such a journey? "I was in Boston last January at a conference and saw 'WHEEL POWER Christian Cyclists,'" she stated.

"It was the biking and my spiritual part that attracted me to travel across America. I thought the trip would definitely challenge me spiritually and physically. After all, how in the world was I ever going to last 65 to 90 miles every single day without God pushing me along?" asked Sue.

Her whole trip was an "awakening." She said that she has been very close to God for many years, but never had an experience like this.

"From the time I got off the plane, God started changing me. I didn't know a soul in California ahead of time, and here I was going to be riding side-by-side and living with 18 other people who shared my same passion for the next two months," said Sue.

"When I got to know the others in the group," she continued, "I found we all had such a desire to know Jesus. If you ask me what has changed in me over this trip, I would say that I have more of a love for people along with an incredible peace with God and myself. I can't wait to share that peace with others. It's a peace not of this world!"

Each cyclist's day began at 5:30 a.m. They were on the road by 7:00 a.m. and continued on the highway until about 3:00 p.m. That's when they stopped to rest, shower, and meet new friends and sleep at a new church.

Each evening, the group would share testimonies, slides, and songs with their new friends. Sue described these visits as totally unbelievable.



THE 1998 "WHEEL POWER" Christian cyclist team.

"Each night, we met new people in a new church. It didn't matter what denomination the church was — Catholic or Protestant. All the people welcomed us with open arms!"

The LeMond bike that carried Sue (without a single flat tire) is still with her today. Cyclists might be interested to know that she and her teammates wore (of course) padded shorts, rode a combination of road bikes and hybrid bike, had clip-less pedals, and used all the gears they had to help them along.

"Thank God I had a triple chain. I used all 21 gears ... even the Granny gear!" said Sue.

A van followed the cyclists with all their gear in tow. Every 15 to 20 miles, they had a "SAG stop" (support and gear) for food, water, bathroom needs, and repairs. One woman on the trip was a professor of sports medicine, and there were two nurses (Sue was one of them), which made many of the cyclists feel more at ease.

"Believe it or not, we only had two spills and no injuries," said Sue.

As for the countryside, the trek began in California, where Sue fell in love with Carmel by the Sea (who wouldn't?). She said it was really nice riding along the coast and viewing the Pacific Ocean via a bike.

Sue said that Colorado was by far the prettiest part of the trip. Her group biked a bit through the Grand Canyon, and she said, "That (the Grand Canyon) is one of the most beautiful sights on earth."

Missouri was definitely the most challenging. The pass through the Ozarks was constant hills. Sue described it: "As we looked ahead, it was as if someone had laid a giant blanket down across the land. It just rippled and rippled for as far as the eye could see."

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SUE JOSEPH — cyclist extraordinaire!



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Heritage Hall Slates Christmas Bazaar

Heritage Hall Center, a member of the Genesis ElderCare network, is having its annual Christmas Bazaar on Saturday, October 24th from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The bazaar will take place on the Heritage Hall campus located off Cooper Street and Main Street.

Each of the four campus buildings will be selling craft items and baked goods made by Heritage Hall residents and the community. In addition, tag sale tables and raffles will be held.

Proceeds from the Bazaar will be used for special event programming for residents. The public is encouraged to attend.

For more information, contact Kimberly George, Director of Volunteer Services at 413-786-8000, ext. 217.

Fish & Chip Dinners Coming To Agawam VFW Post 1632

Starting Friday, October 9th, fish and chip dinners will be held each week at the Agawam VFW, Post 1632 (located at 194 South Street, Agawam).

The cost is \$5.95 per person, and the Friday night dinners will begin at 5:00 p.m. and end at 9:00 p.m.

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eye could see. And we had to bike it. Ugh!"

Kansas was flat; a nice treat on the legs, but there was absolutely nothing to see except corn and wheat for miles and miles.

Lastly, Virginia was just a really welcome sight. In fact, Sue liked Virginia so much that she has decided to settle there as a nurse.

Would she do the ride again? Sue enthusiastically replied, "YES! I would encourage anyone to do it. The experience is one that I will carry with me the rest of my life."

Fireman Diabo On 6-Month Deployment

Navy Fireman Joseph M. Diabo, son of Pat Sidusky of 17 Amherst Ave., Feeding Hills, is currently halfway through a six-month deployment to the Western Pacific Ocean, Indian Ocean, and Arabian Gulf aboard the aircraft carrier USS Abraham Lincoln.

Diabo is one of more than 5,000 Sailors and Marines aboard the ship, which departed its home port of Everett, Washington, to lead the USS Abraham Lincoln Battle Group. The battle group is comprised of 10 tactical air squadrons, five surface combatants, and two submarines.

During the deployment, Diabo and crew members have had the opportunity to visit Hong Kong, Singapore, and the United Arab Emirates.

While in Hong Kong, Sailors and Marines from Diabo's ship participated in Project Handclasp providing humanitarian aid to a disaster relief organization, a school for the mentally handicapped, and an international Christian school. In addition to providing food, hygienic items, toys, books and paper to the recipients, members of Diabo's ship cleaned, repaired, and painted buildings.

Aircraft carriers like USS Abraham Lincoln are forward deployed around the world to maintain a U.S. presence and provide rapid response in times of crisis. They serve as a highly visible deterrent to would-be aggressors and, if deterrence fails, offer the most versatile and powerful weapons available.

Diabo joined the Navy in August 1997.

Reception For Open Pantry's Exec. Director

The West Springfield/Agawam Open Pantry Board of Directors extends an invitation to all friends of the Open Pantry to attend a reception in honor of outgoing Executive Director Jennifer Cummings.

It will be held on Sunday, October 11th at the Immaculate Conception Parish Center, 485 Main Street, West Springfield, from 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Ms. Cummings will complete her work at the Pantry on October 16th.



THOMAS ZANIEWSKI AND SHEILA MURAWSKI

Sheila Murawski Engaged To Wed Thomas Zaniewski

Karol and Frances Murawski of Agawam announce the engagement of their daughter, Sheila Murawski, to Thomas Zaniewski of Wethersfield, CT. He is the son of Peter and Florence Zaniewski of New Britain, CT.

The wedding is planned for September 19, 1999.

The bride-to-be was graduated from Agawam High School. She is a portfolio property manager for White & Katzman in Hartford, CT.

Her fiance was graduated from St. Thomas Aquinas High School, New Britain, and received a bachelor's degree in teaching from Central Connecticut College, New Britain. He is an arborist for Walgren, The Care of Trees, Hamden, CT.

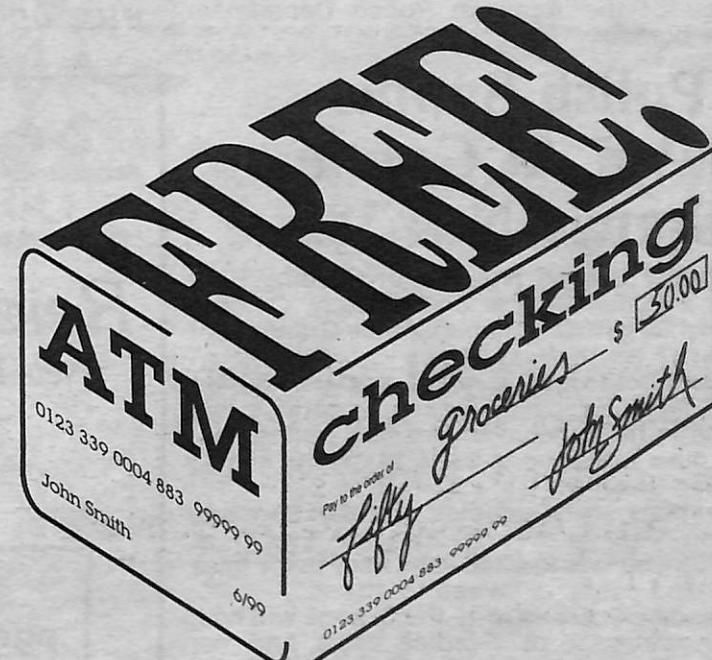
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MR. & MRS. WAYNE K. MACEY

Ann DeLucchi Foster And Wayne K. Macey United In Marriage

The Hofbrauhaus Restaurant was the setting for the wedding of Ann DeLucchi Foster and Wayne Kenneth Macey.

The ceremony took place on Saturday, August 8, 1998. The bride is the daughter of Agnes DeLucchi of Agawam and the late Mario J. DeLucchi. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Laurence Macey of Agawam.

Jeanne Mozdzanowski attended the bride as matron of honor. Christopher Macey served his brother as best man.

The bride is a graduate of Broome Community College, Binghamton, New York. She is a dental hygienist for Drs. Leveton & Leiter of Longmeadow.

The bridegroom received an Associate's Degree in Criminal Justice from Springfield Technical Community College and is the Sergeant in charge of the Agawam Police Department detective bureau.

Polish Supper Slated At Comm. Grange No. 382

Community Grange No. 382 of Feeding Hills will hold a Polish Supper on Saturday, October 17th from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the Grange Hall located at 47 North West Street.

The menu will consist of homemade stuffed cabbage, kielbasa, baked beans, vegetable, rye bread and butter, choice of dessert, coffee, tea, juice, or milk. Donation is \$6.50 for adults and \$3 for children under 10.

Reservations are suggested and can be made by calling Pauline at 789-2061 or Evelyn at 786-0821. If you missed the last one, don't miss this one! The public is invited to attend.

On Tuesday, October 20th, the Grange will host Debbie Kozikowski of Feeding Hills and her Lunch Box Collection. Debbie has been featured in *Good Housekeeping* magazine. This presentation will begin at 7:30 p.m. at the Grange Hall located at 47 North West Street in Feeding Hills. The public is invited to attend and refreshments will be served.

The ladies of the Grange have been busy and will hold their annual Bazaar on Saturday, October 31st from 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Crocheted and knitted items, ornaments, afghans, baked goods, books, and tag sale items will be available.

The snack bar will be open and Magpie the Clown will be visiting. Children under 11 who come in costume will receive a special Halloween treat. Raffle tickets will be available for an afghan, Beanie Babies, and other items.



MR. & MRS. MICHAEL POTHE

Hiromi Maeda Becomes Bride Of Michael Poth

LCPL Michael Poth and Hiromi Maeda Poth were united in marriage on Saturday, September 5, 1998 in the Chapel at Camp Foster, Okinawa, Japan.

The bride is the daughter of Misako Tokeshi and M. Maeda from the city of Naha, Okinawa, Japan. The groom is the son of Laura and Robert Poth of Feeding Hills, MA, USA.

LCPL Poth is stationed at the Northern Training Area in Okinawa (Camp Schwab), Unit 35875, 3rd Marine Division. The couple plans to return to the States in October 1999, when LCPL Poth will complete his tour of service with the U.S. Marines.

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Our office is closed on Columbus Day (Monday, October 12th); however, we ask that you please slide your articles, press releases, etc., under our door. Thank you!

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MR. & MRS. MATTHEW J. DISCO

Jennifer Goodfellow Weds Matthew Disco

Jennifer L. Goodfellow and Matthew J. Disco were united in marriage at St. John the Evangelist Church in Agawam on July 24, 1998. The reception was held at Chez Josef in Agawam.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. John Goodfellow of Agawam. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Frank Disco of Feeding Hills.

Catherine Greene attended the bride as maid of honor. Mathew Christy served the groom as best man.

The bride and groom are both graduates of Agawam High School.

The bride is an assistant manager with CVS Pharmacy in Marlboro, New Jersey.

The groom is a boatswain's mate (third class) in the United States Coast Guard, stationed at Point Pleasant Beach, New Jersey.

The couple resides in Eatontown, New Jersey.

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DEE ADAMS, KEN ROMANO of Stop & Shop, and CINDY SANFORD-TAYLOR are gearing up for the October 17th "Tag Sale Extravaganza." Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Applications Available For Stop & Stop Tag Sale Extravaganza

Ken Romano, Stop & Shop Manager, Dee Adams, Chairman of the Holiday Baskets project, and Cindy Sanford-Taylor, Vice-President of the Junior Women's Club, invite all tag sale enthusiasts to fill out an application at the Stop & Shop Customer Service Desk for the "Tag Sale Extravaganza" on October 17th.

For minimal charge, you can set up a table in the Stop & Shop parking lot to sell your wares. Stop & Shop is a major contributor in our efforts to raise funds for the Holiday Basket Drive sponsored by the Agawam Junior Women's Club.

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Call Sasha at 413-821-0086 for more information.

October 16th Dinner Scheduled At The Springfield Turnverein

The Board of Directors of the Springfield Turnverein of Agawam, 176 Garden Street, Feeding Hills, is sponsoring a dinner on Friday, October 16th, from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.

The menu will include kassler rippchen (smoked pork chops), potatoes, sauerkraut, coffee, and dessert. The price for adults is \$7.50, and children 10 and under are \$3.50.

Reservations can be made with Wilma Gillan at 786-4671, or at the Club, 786-0924, by October 14th.

All our friends are cordially invited to join us.



GINA A. MILILLO & GREGORY M. PUDLO

Gina A. Milillo Engaged To Wed Gregory M. Pudlo

Nicholas and Genie Milillo of Feeding Hills announce the engagement of their daughter, Gina A. Milillo, to Gregory M. Pudlo of Haverhill, MA. He is the son of Ronald and Pamela Pudlo, also from Feeding Hills.

A July 24, 1999 wedding is planned.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Quinnipiac College with a bachelor's degree in Spanish. She is currently employed as a teaching associate of Spanish at the University of Massachusetts in Amherst while pursuing a master of arts degree in teaching.

Her fiance is a graduate of New Hampshire College with a bachelor's degree in travel and tourism management. He is currently employed as the corporate sales meeting manager at the Boston Andover Marriott Hotel in Andover, MA.

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LUCY CARDAROPOLI

Lucy Cardaropoli Named Big E "Host" On September 22nd

Lucy Cardaropoli of Agawam was presented The Big E Host of the Day award September 22, 1998 by Eastern States Exposition President Wayne McCary. She is serving at her third Big E as a volunteer sales clerk in the Storrowton Village Gift Shop, in the Exposition's reconstructed 19th century village.

The Host of the Day award recognizes employees, volunteers, and other members of The Big E family who exemplify the fair's philosophy of positive customer relations. It has been part of the Exposition's customer service program since 1989, established for individuals who go "above and beyond the call" in their interactions with fairgoers. Cardaropoli was selected from more than 1,500 personnel working this year at The Big E.

The Springfield native received a Host of the Day plaque and 1998 Big E commemorative gifts at the surprise presentation. "Lucy Cardaropoli has a generous and outgoing personality, as well as dedication, which make her an important member of The Big E team," said McCary. "She is the kind of person we refer to when we talk about The Big E spirit - friendly, helpful, and thoughtful to our fair guests. We appreciate her very much," said McCary at the ceremony which was attended by fair officers, managers, and co-workers.

The sights and sounds of the 77th edition of The Great New England Fall Festival concluded October 4th in West Springfield.

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Doreen Prouty,
Acting Chairperson

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FRED WITHEE

Fred Withee Named "Host Of The Day" On Big E's First Day

Fred Withee of Agawam was presented The Big E Host of the Day award September 18, 1998 by Eastern States Exposition President Wayne McCary. Withee, who has worked at The Big E for 17 years, is the innkeeper and president of Old Storrowton Tavern, the popular restaurant located on the grounds of the Exposition.

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Withee has been an employee of the Tavern since 1977 and worked his way up through the ranks, performing duties which included dishwasher, bus boy, waiter, assistant manager, and, for eight years, general manager. He is a graduate of Western New England College and holds a bachelor's degree in business administration.

Withee received a Host of the Day plaque and 1998 Big E commemorative gifts at the surprise presentation. "Fred Withee has the outgoing disposition and dedication which make him an ideal member of The Big E team," said McCary. "He is the kind of person we refer to when we talk about The Big E spirit - friendly, helpful, and thoughtful of our fair guests. Not only is he an expert in his knowledge of food service and hospitality, he makes a tremendous contribution to the fair with his genial interactions that are so pleasing to our Big E guests. We appreciate him very much," said McCary at the ceremony which was attended by fair officers, managers, and co-workers.

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LINDA HALBACH and Eastern States Exposition President Wayne McCary.

Linda Halbach Receives Big E's "Host" Award

Linda Halbach of Agawam was presented The Big E Host of the Day award September 27, 1998 by Eastern States Exposition President Wayne McCary. Halbach has worked in Big E Information Services for approximately 13 years.

The Host of the Day award recognizes employees, volunteers, and other members of The Big E family who exemplify the fair's philosophy of positive customer relations. It has been part of the Exposition's customer service program since 1989, established for individuals who go "above and beyond the call" in their interactions with fairgoers. Halbach was selected from more than 1,500 personnel working this year at The Big E.

As an Information Services employee, Halbach answers a myriad of questions posed by inquisitive fairgoers.

Halbach received a Host of the Day plaque and 1998 Big E commemorative gifts at the surprise presentation. "Linda has the outgoing personality and dedication which make her an ideal member of The Big E team," said McCary. "Linda is the kind of person we refer to when we talk about The Big E spirit - friendly, helpful, and thoughtful of our fair guests. We appreciate her very much," said McCary at the ceremony which was attended by fair officers, managers, and co-workers.

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Agawam At "The Big E"...



Agawam United Methodist volunteers: Elmer Sheffer, Nelson St. Marie, Kari Bernier, Dominick D'Angelis, Chieko Rivers, and Nick Hidy.



Julia A. Kozikowski and Peggy Shoemaker (AAN's Feature Writer) represented the Agawam Garden Club at The Big E.



Al Baj, Walt Yezewski, and Al McLean at the Allen Lawnmower booth.



Looking for souvenirs at this year's Big E? Donna Burke and Alice Pietroniro were on hand to help you.

★ ★ ★ For Agawam Residents, "The Big E"



"Would you like a baked potato?" These ladies donated their time to help in the Maine building.



Volunteers from Valley Community Church in Feeding Hills were all smiles and ready to feed hungry fairgoers.



Town residents worked at The Big E's "Lost People" booth: Ben Saunders, Tim Saunders, Connie Cordis, Keith Davis, Matt Saunders, and Diana Saunders.



At the luncheon on "Agawam Day," September Johnson, who accepted a \$500 donation from The bish the former Fire Station into a museum; Eastern Russell Webster of R.G. Enterprises in Agawam, wi his continual support of the Exposition; and Superin cepted a \$500 donation from The Big E for the Scho Fund.



Manning the gift shop at The Big E: Kris Port, Ma Natale.



Agawam Lioness Club members were on hand to Taupier, Dian Curran, and Bernice Burton.

"Big E" Is A Time-Honored Tradition ★ ★ ★



Member 30th (from left to right): Mayor Christopher in The Big E to help the Historic Commission refurbish Eastern States Exposition President Wayne McCary; and, who received the Friend of The Big E award for Superintendent of Schools Frank Ameruoso, who accepted the School Department's Instructional Materials Trust



From left, Margaret D. Flynn, Rose Mezzetti, and Vickie



Hand to serve fairgoers: Priscilla Peterson, Miriam



At The Big E's "Grinderama": Mary Boire, Donna Pouliot, Shirley Stowers, Josh Maynard, Bernie Stedman, and Heather Lyon.

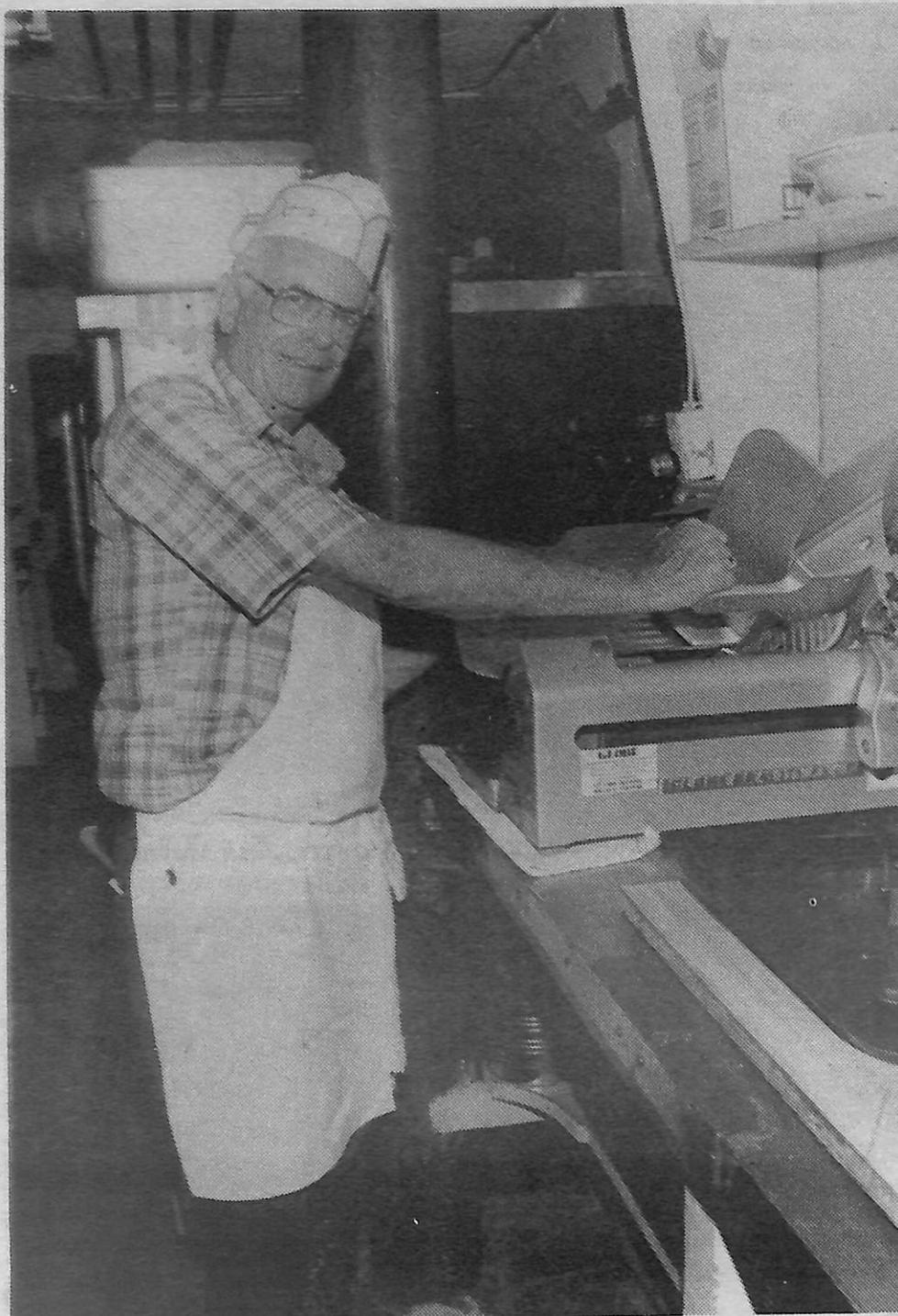


Members of the Agawam Lions Club take "pride" in their efforts: Bill Gardiner, Carl Jackobek, Bob Vanderhoof, Art Chase, and Jim Taupier.



Cooks from Feeding Hills Congregational Church: Carl F. Libby, Betty Phillips, Henry Dunwoody, Barbara Dunwoody, Edna Duca, and Dorothy E. Coon.

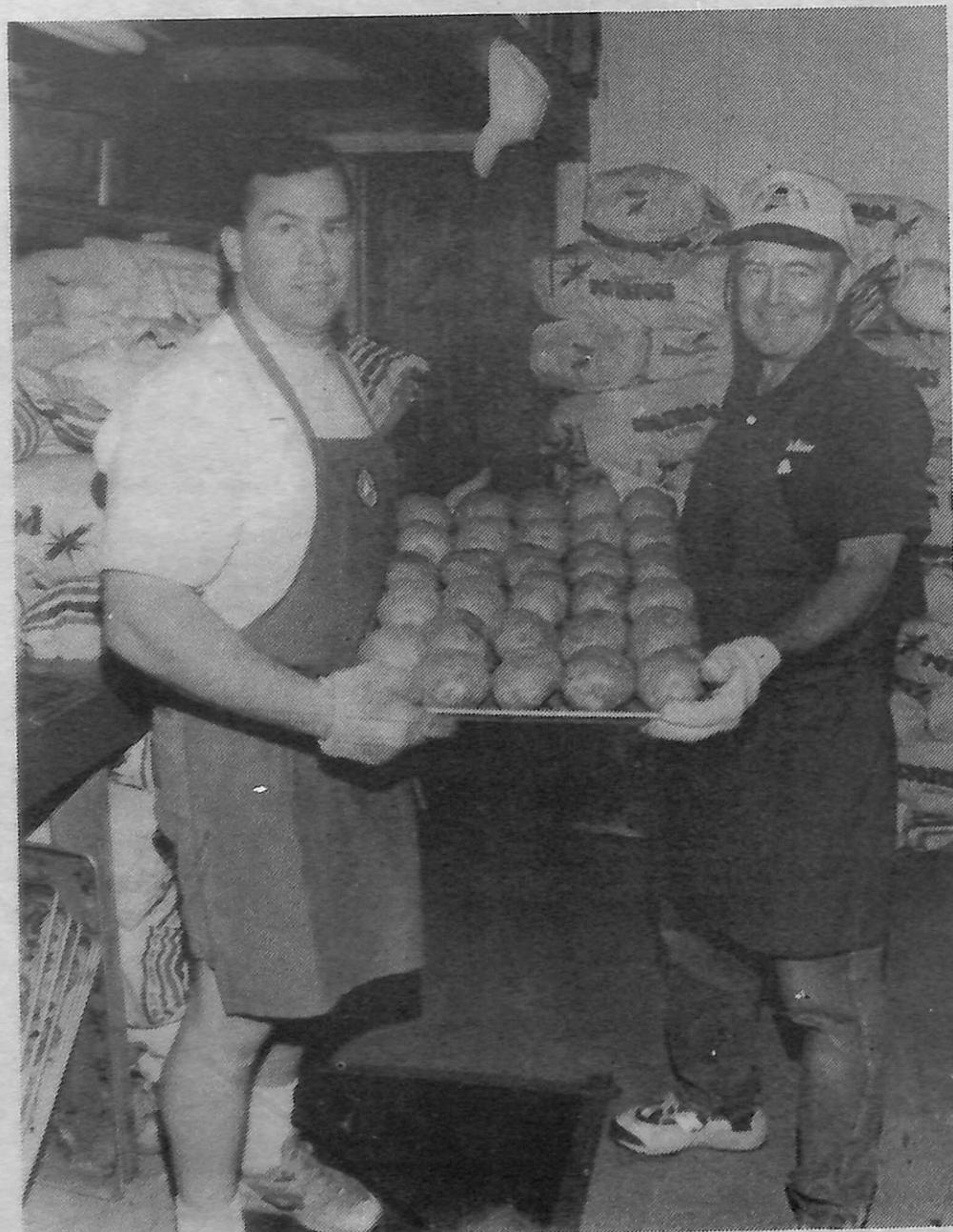
Agawam At "The Big E"...



"Chef" Donald Fogg of Feeding Hills Congregational Church at The Big E. The church offered meatloaf, baked ham, chicken pot pie, capon, and roast beef dinners at the Meeting House in Storrowton Village.



Just "strolling along" at this year's Big E in West Springfield: Marnie Budreau with 3½ year-old Denielle Budreau, and Michele Morris with three year-old Thomas Morris.



In left photo: Bob Altobelli and Chuck Barker at work in the Maine Building. In photo above: At The Big's E's information booth - Louise Abdo, Rita Moore, and Sandy Lynch.

All "Agawam At 'The Big E'" photos are by Jack Devine.

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IN LEFT PHOTO: The Agawam Fire Department arrives with the necessary equipment for the "rescue" during Country Estates' mock disaster drill last month. **IN RIGHT PHOTO:** Mike Mercadante (far right) of the Agawam Fire Department trains the staff at Country Estates for the "rescue."

Country Estates Holds Mock Disaster Drill With Fire Dept.

Country Estates of Agawam, a 164-bed Nursing & Rehabilitation center located at 1200 Suffield Street in Agawam, held a mock disaster drill in full cooperation with the Agawam Fire Department, September 23rd at 10:00 a.m.

Michael Mercadante, Drill Instructor/Safety Officer with the Agawam Fire Department led the drill. The drill is executed so that the staff at Country Estates is trained to react appropriately should a real disaster occur. The staff is provided the opportunity to participate in a full mock disaster twice per year so that the health and safety of residents and rehab patients remain secure.

The Agawam Fire Department fully participates as if a real disaster is taking place and arrives with all necessary equipment. Residents are moved off one wing and brought to the activity room

and that is the unit utilized for the drill. The unit is completely filled with smoke while Mike trains the staff for the rescue.

The staff will then enter the disaster area and carry out the drill. All victims consist of staff volunteers. Once the drill is over, Mike provides feedback to the staff on their performance, answer questions, and provides additional training. The Agawam Fire Department then uses this time to provide their team of firefighters with disaster training and they perform the rescue themselves.

Country Estates maintains a safe atmosphere for all their patients and residents and will continue their commitment to staff education. They would like to thank the Agawam Fire Department for their time, cooperation, and assistance in carrying out this program.

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CROPWALK '98 Scheduled For Sun., October 18th

CROPWALK '98 will step off all over Western Massachusetts on Sunday, October 18th. The Agawam/West Springfield Walk will begin at 2:00 p.m. at Agawam Methodist Church (across from Agawam High School). Registration begins at 1:00 p.m.

Religious groups, schools, businesses, organizations, and individuals will take part in this effort to raise money to defeat hunger and ease suffering in the community and around the world. Last year, participants in Western Massachusetts' CROPWALK raised more than \$115,000. Of that money, 25 percent was designated for local hunger-fighting agencies (food banks, pantries, and soup kitchens).

Funds raised through CROPWALK are used in more than 70 countries around the world in efforts as varied as training demining teams in Cambodia and assisting hurricane victims in North Carolina and Puerto Rico. CROPWALK makes possible grassroots initiatives from West Africa to Southeast Asia, from Bosnia to Brazil, supporting sustainable self-help development, meeting emergency needs, and addressing the root causes of poverty and powerlessness.

Walkers obtain sponsors who pledge a flat amount as a donation. CROPWALK is symbolic because it helps participants identify with those around the world who must walk daily for the food and water they need to survive.

Sponsors of this year's Western Massachusetts CROPWALK ARE 93WHYN-FM, WHYN-AM, TV22, MediaOne, "E!" Entertainment Television, and Reynolds, Barnes, & Hebb, Inc. TV22 anchorman Dan Elias. Fred King of WHYN-AM, and Kim Zachary of 93WHYN-FM are the honorary chairpeople for all Western Massachusetts walks.

For more information, contact Bob Broga at (413) 786-7720.

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Tuesday, October 13th: Stuffed peppers, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, Canadian oat bread, canned pears.

Wednesday, October 14th: Cream of broccoli soup, chicken cutlet on a roll with lettuce and tomato, canned peaches.

Thursday, October 15th: Grape juice, shepherd's pie, carrot coins, pumpernickel bread, mixed fruit.

Friday, October 16th: Baked fish, rice Pilaf, cole slaw, pumpernickel bread, vanilla pudding with whipped topping.

(Menu subject to change without notice.)

Polish Genealogical Society To Meet At Agawam Senior Ctr.

The Polish Genealogical Society (PGS) of Massachusetts will meet on Friday, October 23rd, at 6:30 p.m. at the Agawam Senior Center in Meadowbrook Manor on Wright Street (west off Main Street/Route 159) in Agawam.

The speaker will be Linda Olbris, who attended the United PGS Conference in May at the Family History Center at the LDS Church in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Ms. Olbris will describe some of the events, resources, and ideas that occurred at this gathering. The facilities are inestimable, since it allows viewing records from around the world all in one location.

You'll learn about the research opportunities and receive tips on how to plan for the next conference in two years.

New acquisitions will be on display, and this meeting will be open to all. Admission is free, so bring a friend.

West Spfld.-Agawam Emblem Club Slates Ham/Bean Supper And "Penny Sale"

Come join the West Springfield-Agawam Emblem Club No. 526 for a fun-filled evening beginning with a Ham & Baked Bean Supper followed by a "Penny Sale."

This event will be held on Thursday, October 29th at the West Springfield-Agawam Lodge of Elks, Morgan Road, West Springfield.

Donation for supper is \$6.50 for adults (including admittance to the "Penny Sale"), \$3 for children three to 10 years-old, and free for all

children under three. Supper will be served from 4:00-7:00 p.m. A donation of \$1 is asked for those attending the "Penny Sale" only.

This event is held as a fundraiser for the club's charities, including scholarships, veterans, S.A.F.E., and community projects.

For more information, contact Agnes Hanna (734-8769), Arlene McGavin (562-3373), or any member of the Emblem Club. Reservations are required by October 20th for the supper.

Program On New England History At Springfield Turnverein

The Cultural Committee of the Springfield Turnverein of Agawam, 176 Garden Street, Feeding Hills, will present Prof. Dietrich Schlobohm for a visual interpretation of New England history titled "Cellar Holes and Stone Walls: The Abandoned Farm Experience."

This program will be held on Sunday, October 18th, at 2:30 p.m. at the Club. Admission is free and open to the public. Refreshments will follow the presentation.

Enjoy a trip back in time and relive a part of New England's past via this presentation by Prof. Schlobohm, who is an environmental historian who teaches at Springfield College. See weathered rows of stone walls, haunting cellar holes, proud old sugar maples, and overgrown roads leading to homes and lives long since vanished.

Through the use of slides and commentary, Prof. Schlobohm will explore key forces of environmental change in the 19th and 20th centuries. His presentation will provide a sense of what life was like for earlier generations of New Englanders. Signs of farm abandonment in the Cobble Mountain area will be featured.

Leslie Gorman Engaged To Marry James Trentalange

The engagement of Leslie Gorman and Lieutenant James Trentalange, D.M.D. is announced by her parents, Sheila and Geoffrey MacDonald.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of the late Gerald Gorman. Parents of the groom-to-be are Rosemary Faulconer of Vero Beach, Florida and Dr. James & Susie Trentalange of Long Island.

The future bride graduated from Agawam High School and UMass Dartmouth with a B.S. Degree in Nursing. She is currently a Lieutenant JG in the U.S. Navy stationed at the Naval Medical Center in San Diego, California.

The prospective groom graduated from Stetson University in Florida and the University of Kentucky College of Dentistry in Lexington, Kentucky. He is serving in the U.S. Navy stationed at Camp Pendleton, California.

Agawam Garden Club To Meet On Oct. 13th At Leonard House

Eric Haupt of the Haupt Tree Service, Sheffield, Mass., will discuss the care and maintenance of trees at the October 13th meeting of the Agawam Garden Club at the Captain Leonard House on Main Street.

Haupt is the second generation of his family to be involved in the company that was founded in 1947. The company serves Western Massachusetts, Northwestern Connecticut, and Eastern New York State. Eric has been with the company since 1978. He studied arboriculture and stresses the importance of tree maintenance in the urban landscape.

The Garden Club will be selling raffle tickets for the fountain that was the highlight of the club's display in the New England building of the Eastern States Exposition.

The business meeting will be at 7:30 p.m., followed by the program and refreshments served under the direction of Linda Lewis and Nancy Smith.

Anyone interested may attend for a guest fee of \$1.

Jr. Women's Club To Host "Scarecrow" Project At Fini's Farm

Autumn has arrived along with morning frosts and cool, crisp nights! Come join the Agawam Junior Women's Club in creating scarecrows to celebrate this fall season!

Please join the Junior Women's Club on Saturday, October 10th at Fini's Farm located on James Street in Feeding Hills. The cost for each scarecrow is \$10, which includes hay and clothing.

The excitement will begin at 10:00 a.m. and continue until 4:00 p.m. There will also be hay rides, corn mazes, cider, and popcorn for sale and a visit from the Agawam Fire Department's Hook and Ladder.

The proceeds will be used towards a Thermal Imaging Helmet for the Fire Department. It promises to be great fun while helping to support a great cause!

The Agawam Junior Women's Club is a member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs of Massachusetts.

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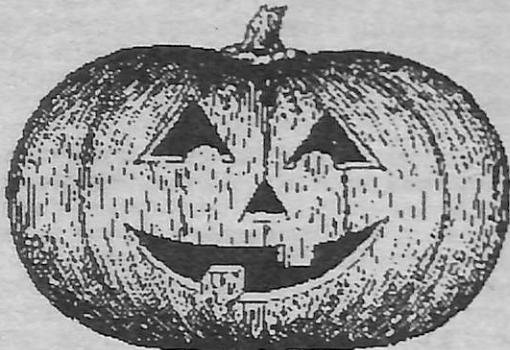
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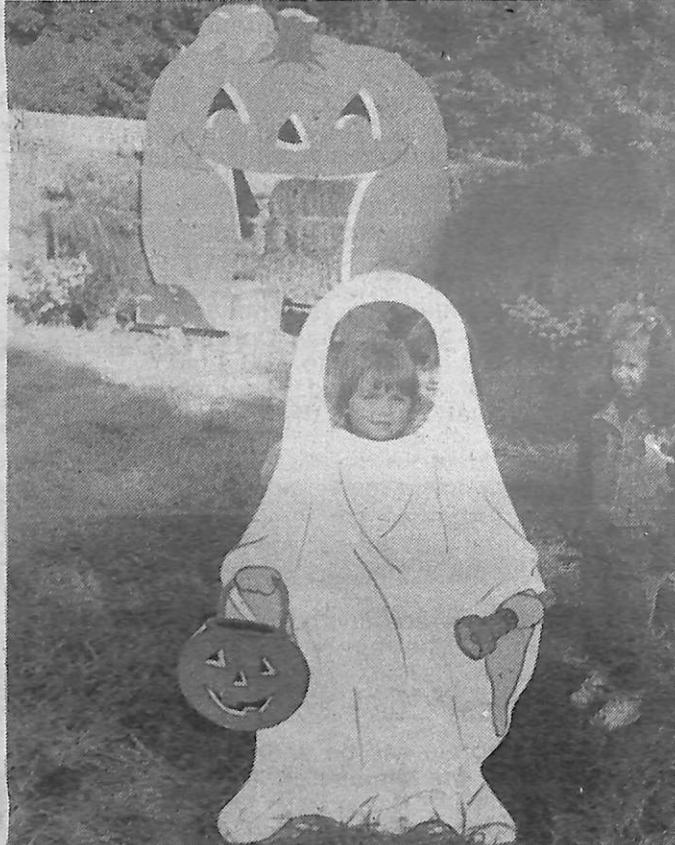
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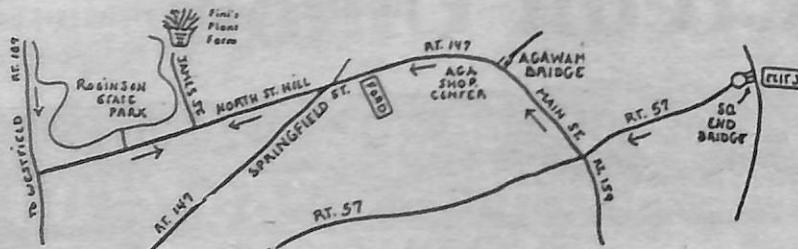
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Church News

Weekly Calendar From Ag. Congregational

This Sunday, October 11th, is the 19th Sunday after Pentecost. The Worship Service begins at 10:30 a.m. at Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main Street, Agawam.

Rev. Fuller's Sermon will be "Bloom Where You Are Planted!" taken from Text: Jeremiah 29: 1, 4-7. His Children's Message will be "The Seeds of Today Are the Flowers of Tomorrow."

The third-grade Church School Class will receive their Bibles during the Worship Service this coming Sunday. They are: Brett Barker, Vincent Buiso, Amanda Elcock, Kimmie Gohn, Matthew Macfadzen, Joel Nawskon, Andrea Simmons, Rebecca Snow, and Danielle Stelma. The Church School teachers for the class are Cindy and Steve Lemire.

Church School continues at 9:00 a.m. for seventh through 12th grades, and Crib Room through sixth grade will meet at 10:30 a.m.

The Children's Choir will meet immediately following the Worship Service in the Choir Room with Ellen Cogen, the Minister of Music. Any child who would like to join may attend.

The Open Pantry item for this Sunday is spaghetti sauce.

Items collected will be donated to the Agawam/West Springfield Open Pantry.

The Annual Crop Walk is scheduled for Sunday, October 18th. The start-off time is 1:00 p.m. at the Agawam United Methodist Church parking lot.

Want to walk or sponsor walkers? See MaryEllen Sullivan at the church or call the church office at 786-7111.

Spread the word!!! The Youth Committee is sponsoring an "Old-Time Halloween Dance" on Friday, October 30th, that will be open to the seventh- through 12th-grade teens of the community.

There will be a Best Costume Contest, games, and prizes. The fee is just \$4, or \$3 plus a non-perishable item for the Open Pantry.

The dance will run from 6:30 to 10:30 p.m. in Bryan Hall. A "no re-entry" policy will be in effect, and the music will be provided by "Music Celebration" DJ Chuck Malloy.

Sign up early because this event will be limited to 150 teens. Call the church office at 786-7111 to reserve a space.

The Catering Committee is sponsoring a Chicken Pie Supper on Saturday, October 24th, serving continuously from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m.

The cost is \$7 for adults and \$4 for children under 12. For reservations, call the church office at 786-7111.

The Music Committee has announced the beginning of the "Agawam Chorale," which will meet three or four times a year for a Thursday rehearsal and sing in the church on Sunday mornings.

All aspiring singers are invited on Thursday, November 5th, to join the regular choir members for a fun-filled rehearsal, and on Sunday, November 8th, for a joyful musical and spiritual experience.

The Agawam Chorale will be under the direction of Ellen Cogen, the Minister of Music.

Mark your calendars today! The Ladies Aid Annual Holly Wreath Bazaar will be held on Saturday, November 21st, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

For more information regarding any of the aforementioned activities, please call the Agawam Congregational Church at 786-7111.

Spaghetti And Meatball Dinner At St. David's

St. David's Episcopal Church will be hosting a Spaghetti & Meatball Dinner on Monday, November 2nd at 6:00 p.m.

The dinner will be held at St. David's Church, 699 Springfield St., Feeding Hills.

The menu will include spaghetti with meatballs and sausage, garden salad, bread and butter, coffee, tea, cold drinks, and dessert.

Tickets are \$7 for adults and \$3 for children under 12. These may be purchased in advance at St. David's or at the door.

Proceeds from this dinner will go towards the debt reduction of the new church building.

For more information, please call (413) 786-6133.

A "Steep"le Effort...



WORKERS AT Agawam Congregational Church were recently seen painting the steeple as part of the church's indoor and outdoor renovations following a year-long capital fund drive. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Upcoming Events At First Baptist Church

At the 9:30 a.m. worship service this Sunday, Pastor Richard Barnes will speak on "Stop, Then Go." His scriptural text will be taken from Exodus 34: Verse 21.

Greeters for the morning will be Everett and Aletha Hodge and Dorothy Major.

Classes for all ages will be available after the coffee and conversation time in Davis Hall immediately following worship. Nursery care is provided.

Saturday, October 17th is the annual Fall Smorgasbord at 4:45 p.m. and 6:15 p.m. Call for reservations today (786-0337, 786-8624, or 786-8209). Come and enjoy the good food and the friendliness of all.

Our Church is proud to be a part of the newly forming Agawam Parish Assoc. This group's first undertaking will be a Community Thanksgiving Dinner. It is a gift to our town for couples or anyone that will be alone.

The date is November 26th at the Feeding Hills Congregational Church. Dinner will be served from 12:00 noon to 3:00 p.m.

Many hands are needed before, during, and after the dinner. If you can help, please call 786-5061.

We are also looking for donations, monetary as well as food. The address is 21 North Westfield St., Feeding Hills, MA 01030. We look forward to working with you to make this event a great success.

For those interested in this Association, there will be a meeting on October 12th at the Feeding Hills Congregational Church at 7:30 p.m.

On our calendar this week:

Monday, Oct. 12th: 7:30 p.m., Word Search Bible Study

Tuesday, Oct. 13th: 1:15 p.m., EZ Does It Aerobics Class; 7:00 p.m., Junior Youth Group

Wednesday, Oct. 14th: -10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m., Trading Post open; 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m., Girl Scouts meet; 7:30 p.m., Church Committee meeting

Thursday, Oct. 15th: 10:00 a.m., Bell Choir Rehearsal; 1:15 p.m., EZ Does It Aerobics Class

Saturday, Oct. 17th: 4:45 p.m. and 6:15 p.m., Fall Smorgasbord.

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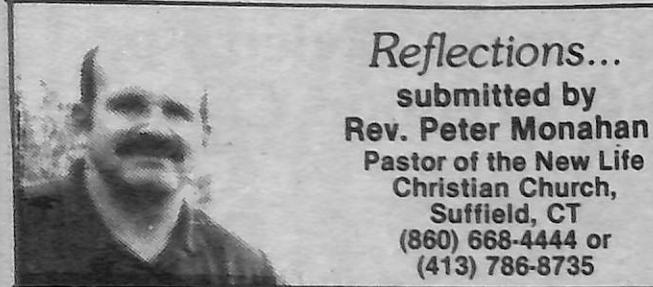
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Church News - continued...

Reflections...
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Christian Commitment...

Commitment. These days, the word commitment seems to have connotations of being a mile wide and an inch deep.

For all too many today, commitment really means "For as long as it feels good," "For as long as it's fun," or "Until I meet somebody or something more appealing than you." That form of commitment does not benefit any of the parties involved. That form of commitment is the foundation of insecurity in any relationship.

The dearth of depth in commitment can even extend to our relationship with God, if we let it. For centuries, committing one's life to Jesus Christ meant embracing Him as one's Savior, and serving Him as one's Lord. The concept of lordship is that the lord, whether of heaven and earth or merely the manor, expects to be served by the citizens.

Nowadays, some people have minimalized one's commitment to Christ to mumbling a few words of a sinner's prayer, and maybe even attending church on occasion, if it's not too inconvenient.

A hundred years ago, the great evangelist Dwight L. Moody used to greet people he encountered with a question. "What have you done for Jesus Christ today?" he would ask. Some of Moody's contemporaries called him "Crazy Moody." Nevertheless, the question Moody asked was relevant then and is still relevant today.

The Bible says, "Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by Him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."

"Do your best" contradicts the notion that Christianity is a cheap and easy religion. Too many people think the Christian faith is an easy copout, when the exact opposite is the case.

Being a Christian will cost us, and cost us plenty. Woody Allen once said that 90 percent of life is just showing up, but that's not the way it works with God. Just as a spouse would not find it acceptable for his or her partner to merely come home at night but do no more or be no more than that, so it is not acceptable to God to merely "show up."

The word **present** means to "make ourselves available," or to "put ourselves at someone else's disposal." In this case, the someone else is God.

The Christian Church is well-versed in the doctrine of irrevocable grace; but we could use some brushing up on the idea of irrevocable responsibility. God should be the object of our love and the beneficiary of our efforts. God does not expect more of us than we are capable of delivering.

But, each of us must admit God has certainly enabled us to do something. Whatever that something is varies among us, but none of us is completely without God-given abilities. If we are willing to be used by God for His purposes, He will gladly accept our offer.

Neither the world we live in, nor the Church, is without need of our services. We are to make ourselves available to God to please Him, rather than ourselves.

The phrase **rightly dividing the word of truth** comes from the linen industry of New Testament times. Skillful sewers could stitch a garment together so well that it appeared to have no seam.

When President Clinton was first elected, he warned Saddam Hussein that there was "no daylight" between his policies and President Bush's. In the same way, there should be "no daylight" between our lives and the word of God.

God's desire for each of us is that we will live for Him and serve Him faithfully, being **approved** over time and through experience. Our lives can and should count for more than simply showing up; by God's grace each of us can truly be a worker who has no need to be ashamed.

**Rev. Monahan's
"Reflections" is
a regular feature
of the ADVERTISER
NEWS...**

Immaculate Conception Church In West Side To Hold Triduum To St. Jude Thaddeus

A Triduum to St. Jude Thaddeus, the patron saint of lost causes and hopeless cases, will be held October 18th, 19th, and 20th at Immaculate Conception Church, 475 Main Street, West Springfield.

This is a special time for all people to come together to pray to the cousin of our Lord (sometimes mistakenly confused with Judas Iscariot, who betrayed Jesus).

The Triduum begins Sunday night with Exposition and Benediction at 7:15 p.m. and night prayer at 10:00 p.m. A sign-up sheet will be available for anyone who wishes to register for any part of the 40-hour devotion, also.

On Monday, morning prayer will be held after the 8:00 a.m. Mass, with the Rosary recited at 12:00 noon, evening prayer at 5:00 p.m., and an an-

nointing Mass at 7:15 p.m. At 10:00 p.m., there will be night prayers.

Immediately after the 8:00 a.m. service on Tuesday, there will be morning prayer, with the Rosary again at 12:00 noon, everyone prayer at 5:00 p.m., Benediction at 7:00 p.m., and the St. Jude Mass at 7:15 p.m.

St. Jude is a powerful intercessor for all who believe in his God-given power to help anyone who feels their request for divine assistance is seemingly impossible, hopeless, or insignificant. A weekly St. Jude Mass has been said at Immaculate Conception Church for nearly 70 years, with many devotees throughout our area attending faithfully, asking this great saint to join his prayers with theirs. Triduums to St. Jude Thaddeus take place four times each year.

Harvest Smorgasbord Scheduled For October 17th At First Baptist Church In Agawam

The First Baptist Church of Agawam, 760 Main Street, is holding a Harvest Smorgasbord on Saturday, October 17th with servings at 4:45 p.m. and 6:15 p.m.

Cost for adults is \$7, and \$3 for children under 10.

The menu includes fruit cup, home-baked beans, baked ham, turkey Swedish meatballs,

American chop suey, harvest beets, green bean casserole, sauerkraut, scalloped potatoes, cranberry salad, cole slaw, relish tray, rolls, homemade pies, coffee, tea, or milk.

For reservations, please call Martha (786-0337), Emma (786-8624), or Norma (786-8209). If you make reservations and find you are unable to come, please call and cancel. Thank you.

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Church News - continued...**News And Notes From F.H. Congregational**

You are welcome to join with us at the Feeding Hills Congregational Church, which is located at 21 N. Westfield Street in Feeding Hills. Worship hour begins at 10:00 a.m.

The lectionary readings for this Sunday, the 19th Sunday after Pentecost, are Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7, Psalm 66:1-12 or 2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c, Psalm 111, 2 Timothy 2:8-15, Luke 17:11-19. The Lector will be Connie Haynes.

Rev. Donaldson's sermon title is "When Is the Right Time for a Change?"

Children are welcome to attend worship with their parents, leaving at the designated time for Sunday School; nursery care will be provided for the very young.

On Sunday, October 11th, we will take a collection for Neighbors in Need. This fund helps establish community-based programs across our nation.

This is a multi-cultural project which seeks to help all who need it.

The annual CROP Walk will take place here in Agawam on Sunday, October 18th. Funds raised by this walk benefit overseas areas as well as local agencies. The West Springfield/Agawam Open Pantry will receive 25 percent of the funds raised!

Registration will begin at 1:00 p.m. at the Agawam United Methodist Church on Mill Street. The 10-kilometer walk itself begins at 2:00 p.m.

Most churches in the area have organizers, but you may call Bob Broga at 786-7720 or this church at 786-5061 if you have not been contacted and would like to participate.

Thank you to all who helped make our Big E Project run smoothly again this year. We applaud your volunteer efforts.

If you stopped in to dine with us, THANK YOU! This is one of our church's many mission projects and your patronage is much appreciated.

From the office: The office will be closed on Columbus Day - Monday, October 12th. Please note also that the deadline to submit information for publication in the church newsletter is Thursday, October 15th.

On the calendar:
Friday, October 9th: 5:00 to 10:00 a.m., Griswold Hall in use.

Sunday, October 11th: 10:00 a.m., Open Pantry Sunday; Neighbors in Need collection.

Monday, October 12th: Columbus Day (office closed).

Tuesday, October 13th: 7:00 p.m., A.A.; 7:30 p.m., Deacons; 7:30 p.m., Stewardship/Missions.

Wednesday, October 14th: Open Pantry Desserts needed; 4:00 p.m., Girl Scouts; 5:00 p.m., Rev. Rob serving dinner at Open Pantry; 6:00 p.m., Girl Scouts; 7:00 p.m., Choir.

Thursday, October 15th: Newsletter deadline; 7:00 p.m., A.A.

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**Holiday Bazaar And Ziti Supper Slated For Oct. 24th At Immaculate Conception Church**

Immaculate Conception Church at 475 Main Street in West Springfield is pleased to invite everyone to their Holiday Bazaar and Ziti Supper, scheduled jointly for October 24th.

The doors of St. John's School Hall will open at 10:00 a.m., with the bazaar lasting through 6:00 p.m. The Ziti Supper, another sure-to-please event, will begin seatings at 4:00 p.m. and last through 8:00 p.m. There is ample parking in front of and around the former school, only minutes south of the West Springfield traffic circle.

The public is welcome to browse and shop the many handcrafters' and new items tables at the Holiday Bazaar. Gifts, decorations and other must-haves for Halloween, Thanksgiving, and Christmas will be available. The bazaar will host Santa Claus between 1:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. He hopes to visit with all the children and will collect all those wonderful letters written to him by his fans.

He will have a surprise for each child. Also, "Mary's Kitchen" will have a warm luncheon menu planned and "Marie's Pastry Shoppe" will be laden with homebaked goods. The Church's St. Jude Gift Shoppe will be offering religious and other gift items. One of the bazaar's popular features, a Chinese auction, is scheduled, too. And Beanie Baby Basket Bonanza tickets will continue being sold throughout the day. (The BB Baskets, four in all, each contain one special bear

Chicken Suppers Back At Valley Community Church

Our supper workers are excited! After a long (and much-needed) summer vacation, the kitchen crew at Valley Community Church is ready to get back to what they do best — and that is baking chicken.

The next community-famous **Chicken Supper** will be held on Saturday, October 10th. The menu will be filled with baked chicken, stuffing, mashed potatoes, gravy, two hot vegetables, tossed salad, cranberry sauce, olives, pickles, rolls with butter, and beverages. The dessert table will once again be filled with many different, delectable, enticing, and guaranteed-fattening desserts for you to choose from.

Continuous servings are available from 5:00 until 7:00 p.m. The cost is \$7 for adults, and \$3.50 for children.

As in the past, reservations are strongly suggested and can be made by calling Jeff at 789-2552 or Shirley at 786-2576.

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and four of his pals from the vast collection of Beanie Babies.)

There is another very special drawing for a colorful, 30-inch x 54-inch merry-go-round horse flag made by a lady known for her beautiful work, Marian Cullison. Oh, and the Holiday Bazaar has its own special drawing for six prizes, including groups of state lottery tickets.

If you are hoping for a great meal and entertainment to cap off your day, join Louis Leo and his great helpers at the Ziti Supper scheduled from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. You'll get all you can eat of ziti, and there will be meatballs, sausages, beverages, and dessert as well.

Tickets (\$7 for adults and \$5 for senior citizens and children under 12) are available now from parishioners at the Church after all Masses, and will also be sold at the door. Take-outs are offered if you'd rather eat at home. But, remember, there will be live music, a 50/50 cash drawing, and other surprises at the dinner. You are sure to enjoy this evening.

In fact, we're positive the entire day will be fun for everyone, and so we hope to see you there. Proceeds benefit on-going restoration and renovation funds, religious education, and community outreach. Everyone benefits, so please plan to visit with us Saturday, October 24th for a head start on your holiday shopping and a relaxing, you-don't-even-have-to-do-the-dishes Italian meal.

Catholic Women's Club To Celebrate 60th Anniversary

The Most Reverend Thomas L. Dupre, Bishop of the Diocese of Springfield, will celebrate Mass on Monday, November 9th, at 6:00 p.m. at St. John the Evangelist Church, on the occasion of the 60th anniversary of the Catholic Women's Club of Agawam.

Concelebrating will be Rev. Howard McCormick, pastor and club chaplain, and Rev. William Lunney, parochial vicar.

Dinner, catered by Kathy and Tom Sullivan of Creative Caterers, will follow in the Parish Center at 7:15 p.m. Members and guests will enjoy garden salad, baked stuffed chicken breast, potato, vegetable, rolls, beverage, and dessert.

Co-chairwomen Gloria Colby and Penny DeForge will be assisted by the following: Mass and music, Sr. Francis White and Lillian Doyle; corsages, Carol Pignatari; flowers and centerpieces, Kay Capitanio; seating, Stella Longhi and Rosemarie Fazio; publicity, Penny DeForge, and their committees.

Since seating will be limited, members are asked to make their reservation as soon as possible.

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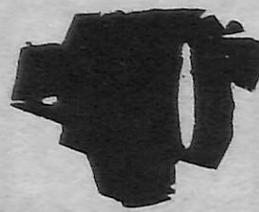
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GRANDMASTER CHUNG, WOO DEUK (center), President of World Taekwondo Federation in Taegue City, Korea, with students of the World Olympic Taekwondo Center: Neil Butler (rear), Brandon Welker (front left), and Jonathan Wollmershauser (front right).

New Olympic School Opens In Feeding Hills

World Olympic Taekwondo Center Opens Next To Super Stop & Shop

Yes, Korean Taekwondo — recognized by the WTF (World Taekwondo Federation), the sanctioning body — will be in the Australian Games in the year 2000. Many kids are looking to the future years as a competitor.

There are over seven different styles of Taekwondo; however, only a few are recognized by the World Taekwondo Federation. It is important to check on the affiliations of a Taekwondo School prior to signing up your child for instruction.

At the American Hapkido and World Olympic Taekwondo Center, Grandmaster Michael Wollmershauser made sure his new Taekwondo and Hapkido training center would have the best he could offer to his students in Korean Martial Arts.

The new location will have family programs ranging from morning Tai Chi and Meditation Garden to adult Self-Defense, Kumdo, KoHapdo (weapons/sword training), and Hapkido as a superb self-defense course.

Grandmaster Michael Wollmershauser (known as Master Mike) holds an Eighth Degree Black Belt in Hapkido and is the third-highest ranked in the world in this system of Korean Martial Arts. He also holds a Sixth Degree Black Belt in Taekwondo, promoting Sport Olympic Taekwondo and a wider range of combination response defense in Taekwondo.

Master Mike has been teaching Tai Chi for many years in the area communities. He is the tactical advisor and instructor to the Royal Canadian Mountain Police in training them in defensive tactics, with a main focus on the Prime Minister's bodyguard detail.

Master Mike is employed by the Hampden County Sheriff's Department as the self-defense instructor to the correctional officers. He previously held the position as adjunct professor of Combatives at Springfield College for 12 years and Western New England College for six years, prior to accepting his position with the Hampden County Sheriff's Department.

The new location for the American Hapkido and World Olympic Taekwondo Center is 1342 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills. For more information on instructions in Taekwondo, Hapkido, Kumdo, KoHapdo, and Tai Chi, contact the Center at 789-1001.

Lisa Gagnon Joins Molta In Agawam

Robert P. Molta, President of Coldwell Banker Keenan & Molta Associates, is proud to announce that LISA GAGNON has joined our Agawam office.

Prior to her new career in real estate, Lisa was a Certified Nursing Assistant and Pharmacy Technician.

Lisa received her real estate certification from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst. She resides in Chicopee with her husband, David, and two sons, Evan and Nolan.

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To improve your chances of a good return, keep the value of your property within 15 to 20 percent of others in your neighborhood. Buyers who can afford more will shop in more expensive neighborhoods.

Style your remodeling for mass appeal. Buyers prefer neutral, mainstream design. Play it safe with colors and materials. Avoid wild colors, bold patterns, and kitchen schemes built around out-of-date hues. Consider local preferences, too.

Use quality construction by using materials that look good and wear well. If you plan to do the work yourself, honestly evaluate your ability to do it right. A poor do-it-yourself job costs money in the long run.

And finally, keep your modeling compatible with the existing house. Additions and improvements that look "tacked on" may detract from the home's appeal. Choose materials and design elements that match or blend with what's already there.

For more home improvement tips, call Pam Savioli at (413) 748-7565.



Travel Talk...

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Winter Destinations ... Punta Cana?

For the past several weeks, I have been offering suggestions on winter vacations. One of the newest hot spots is Punta Cana, in the Dominican Republic.

The island is located in the Caribbean and when flying non-stop, is about a four-hour flight. Punta Cana has many beautiful new resorts all located directly on the beach. The area of hotels are self-contained, deluxe, and all inclusive.

Each resort features its own selection of activities, such as pool volleyball, beach games, and water aerobics. The island itself offers horseback riding, golf, tennis, boating, sailing, snorkeling, and diving in calm, clear waters. Most resorts will offer nightly entertainment and casino gambling.

The average temperature in January is about 85 degrees and is constant throughout the winter. TNT will offer weekly charter departures from Boston this winter. So go ahead and add Punta Cana to your wish list of places to visit.

We have some space left on our Motorcoach to New York City to see "Ragtime" on Broadway. The price is \$102 per person and the departure is November 22, 1998 from Alvin's in Agawam. So hurry up and call.

Environmental Compliance Services, Inc. Of Agawam Opens New Office In Tampa, Florida

Environmental Compliance Services, Inc. (ECS), located at 588 Silver Street, Agawam is pleased to announce the opening of their newest office in the Tampa, Florida area. The Florida office complements the ECS main office in Agawam and branch offices in Brattleboro, Vermont and in the Boston area (Brighton).

The Florida office will be managed by Marc Eichenholtz, a professional geologist with over 13 years of experience in hydrogeological assessment. The office will be co-managed by Karen Rider. Karen specializes in comprehensive regulatory compliance audits and property transaction site assessments and brings over 12 years of experience to ECS. Both Marc and Karen come to ECS from SECOR International.

The Vermont office of ECS, which was opened in 1997, is managed by Bruce Tease, Ph.D in environmental science. Bruce brings over 10 years of consulting experience to ECS and is also an adjunct professor in the Environmental Science Department at the University of Massachusetts/Amherst.

Bruce was formerly employed at ERD. The Boston area office is managed by Fritz Hostrop, a

civil engineer with over 12 years of remedial design experience. Fritz is also assisting in management of all ECS remedial projects and performing remedial design company-wide.

Fritz is joined in the Boston area by Craig Ellis and Michael McDonough. Craig and Michael are both civil engineers. Craig has six years of experience in remedial design and operation and Michael has over three years of site assessment experience.

ECS would also like to take this opportunity to announce and welcome new members who have joined our team in the Agawam office in the last several months.

John Niedzielski recently joined ECS as a Senior Project Manager. John is a geologist with over 11 years of experience in the site assessment and consulting business.

Michael Brozek joined the team as a Project Manager with over 12 years of experience in underground science. James Feltz came to ECS as our Underground Storage Tank Compliance Program Manager and brings over 17 years of experience to ECS.

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Spotlight On Business - continued...**Legal Memo**

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**Insurance Claim Settlement Practices
Mass. General Laws, Chapter 176D**

Where a Defendant insurance company offered only \$21,000.00 to a Plaintiff who had been injured when her car was struck by a vehicle driven by one of the Defendant's policyholders, the Defendant must be held liable for unfair claim settlement practices under Massachusetts General Laws, chapter 176D.

A judge awarded the Plaintiff \$53,068.00, which sum is to be doubled based on my determination that the insurance company's violation of M.G.L. c. 176D was a willful and knowing one.

FINDING OF VIOLATION

"By the time the trial began, the Defendant insurance company knew that liability could not reasonably be contested, that the Plaintiff's special damages were in excess of \$10,000.00, that the Plaintiff's physician was going to testify as to a significant, ongoing injury that was causally related to the accident, that there was a consortium claim, that approximately 27 percent interest would be added to any jury verdict, that the conciliator had placed a value of \$50,000.00 on the case, the two judges had suggested during the course of settlement conferences that the Defendant's offer of \$21,000.00 was low, that the adjuster it had assigned to the case had expressed her opinion more than 18 months earlier that the full value of the case, without interest or discount for liability, was \$35,000.00 to \$36,000.00, that nothing in the interim had been discovered to lessen that value, that Plaintiff's counsel, at a pretrial conference had indicated a willingness to accept \$50,000.00 in settlement and, thereafter, Defendant's own attorney had given the case a settlement value of \$40,000.00 and had stated his belief that it could settle for between \$40,000.00 and \$50,000.00. Under those circumstances, to allow the case to proceed to trial with an offer of \$21,000.00 on the table was not a reasonable effort to effectuate a settlement and no reasonable insurer would have done so. No one of the cited factors, viewed in isolation, produces that conclusion. Together, however, they show a clear statutory violation."

WILLFULNESS

A Judge found that "Not only did the Defendant's conduct violate the statutes, but it did so knowingly and willfully as those terms are used in Massachusetts General Laws, chapter 93A, Section 9(3). No reasoning person acting in good faith could have fairly concluded that \$21,000.00 was an appropriate settlement value for this case just before trial began. In fact, as it was found, the Defendant knew it was not."

DAMAGES

The judge further stated, "My finding and conclusion that the Defendant's violation of the statute was knowing and willful leads me to a further conclusion that double damages are appropriate. A statutory scheme that provides strong incentives for making reasonable offers and demands cannot guarantee settlement of all cases that can and should be settled. My findings in this very case demonstrate that. By providing a significant stimulus for production of reasonable offers, however, such a scheme goes a long way toward insuring that the bargaining process, at some stage, contains the ingredients on which a fair and reasonable settlement can be reached and without which such settlements are impossible. Society, therefore, has an interest in seeing to it that reasonable offers are made even in those circumstances when it cannot be said that such offers would, in fact, have produced an accord."

The judge further stated, "Applying c. 176D and c. 93A in the manner in which it would apply has been applied here producing the following result: As long as the Plaintiff takes an unreasonable position, the Defending insurer is permitted broad latitude to maneuver with impunity in an effort to produce a reasonable demand. A Plaintiff who takes an unreasonable position thus expends unnecessary and uncompensated time and effort to achieve results that a reasonable demand might have produced with far greater dispatch. When the Plaintiff enters the zone of reason, however, an insurer has an obligation to make an offer that fairly and reasonably reflects what the case is really worth. An insurer that fails to make a reasonable offer under those circumstances risks incurring substantial penalties."

Attorney Alan L. Ferrigno maintains an office at 546 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, Massachusetts.

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Judes Ziembra, president of the Center, states, "We offer services that promote wellness and offer an alternative to costly medical modules while maintaining personalized and confidential integrity."

The Center for Self-Development has 24-hour access. Services are available by appointment to ensure flexibility with schedules and is open for personal introductory meetings every Tuesday from 3:00-6:00 p.m. and every Thursday from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

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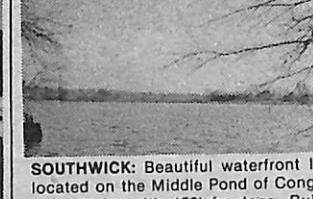
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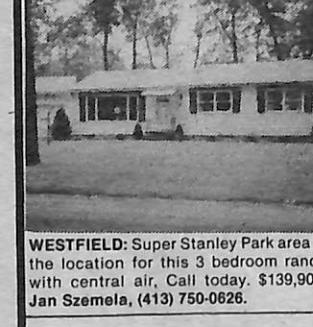


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Visualizing A Healthy Spine...

Our mind and body are a natural team. Our body carries out suggestions from our mind. This is proven with the use of sugar pills (placebos) to demonstrate that our belief in a pill can affect our body.

How can we use this tool for optimum spinal health and healing? Several factors are involved, including stress reduction, relaxation, a positive attitude, and visualization.

Visualization is a creative way to team the mind and body. A picture in the mind's eye can have an impact on every cell and function in our body. Try this exercise:

Sit or lie in a comfortable, quiet place. Breathe deeply and slowly in and out of your belly. Let your whole body sigh out any tension.

With your eyes closed, picture all the muscles and joints of your spinal column, exactly as you would like them to be: free of pain, relaxed, strong, flexible, or whatever you wish. Then picture yourself doing something.

Imagine your body moving exactly as you want it to move and feel. See yourself as graceful, powerful, and lithe. Keep this "feeling picture" in your mind's eye, where you can look at it and frequently visualize the feeling in your body.

Also, to help relax, these herb teas can be very beneficial:

To relax - lavender, vervain, skullcap, rosehips, sarsaparella, passion flower, ginger, chamomile, and dandelion.

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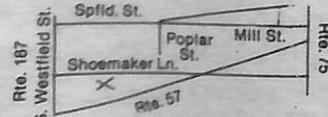
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Fitness Tips...

Another Season Change — Plan Ahead

by Carmela A. Kirk, RN
Asst. Fitness Director, Fitness First

I love New England. The changing seasons always amaze me. The outdoors are a place you can peacefully watch the leaves change or fear for your safety during a raging storm. It is completely out of our control. There is nothing you can do about the pending winter except be ready.

Just as you prepare your car and your wardrobe and your home, you need to prepare your mind. You may not always be able to go out for a walk and hopping on the bike is going to get a little more difficult.

Have you thought about what your plan is to stay active over the winter? It's not too early to begin thinking about this. Remember, you need to plan ahead, see it in the mind's eye, and then it will become a part of your lifestyle.

I am hearing "Oh, I hate winter. I always gain weight," or "Winter is coming — get out the fat clothes." Now, I have two things to say about this, one from my natural health beliefs and one from my fitness beliefs.

First of all, yes it is very common to gain a few pounds in the winter. It's natural. Look at your dog or any healthy animal; an extra layer is added this time of year. Yes (reality check!), we are animals of this earth; we just happen to have a greater level of consciousness, but in fact we are part of this "great circle of life."

To fight this small increase in winter body fat is difficult. You may choose not to unless you are in competition or (for whatever reason) need to keep your body fat down.

Second, this doesn't mean you stop exercising and eat without mindfulness just because winter is coming. This means you plan ahead.

You find a way to continue your exercise routine. You continue the cardiovascular exercise four times per week; you still resistance-train every other day; you may need a longer warm-up; you still drink plenty of water; and then you're okay if the scale says you've added a small, warm blanket.

Baystate Medical Center Offers Three-Part Series On Menopause And Perimenopause

Baystate Medical Center will offer women over the age of 35 an informative and positive series on Preparing for the Change: Perimenopause and Menopause, October 13th, 20th, and 27th.

The three-part series will meet from 7:00-9:00 p.m. in the Lundy Board Room of the Wesson Women and Infants' Unit of Baystate Medical Center on Chestnut Street in Springfield.

Classes will include information on the myths and fears about menopause; hormone replacement therapy; nutrition, exercise, and stress reduction; symptoms and treatment; osteoporosis; and sexuality.

The symptoms associated with menopause can

occur 10 years before menopause actually begins. Symptoms women may experience during this time, called perimenopause, include mood swings, night sweats, hot flashes, sleeplessness, depression, weight gain, vaginal dryness, changes in menstrual cycle, and loss of sexual drive. By learning what to expect, and practicing a healthy lifestyle, women may reduce or better adapt to these symptoms.

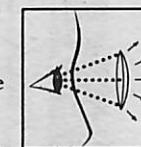
The cost for the series is \$25. Registration is required and seating is limited. To register, or for more information, call The Professionals at 794-2255 or outside the Springfield calling area at 1-800-377-HEALTH.

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Your Back And Your Health

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How To Rake Leaves Safely...

Most of us have tackled the annual fall clean-up around our homes and yards, as evidenced by the many leaf bags at curbside awaiting pickup. Much rain and warm weather this past growing season allowed Mother Nature to bless us with an abundant yield.

Those who raked and raked and raked and bent repeatedly, stuffing more than the normal number of bags, may have been left with more than the satisfaction of a job well done. Back pain and associated leg pain that remain for more than a few days can mean troubles in the spine.

The amount of physical stress to the lumbar spine (lower back) during leaf raking is equivalent to shoveling snow after a heavy snowstorm.

For many of us, this yearly ritual causes aches and pains, especially in the lower back. In some, the pain just won't go away.

Leaf raking is strenuous to the muscles and ligaments of the lower back. All that twisting, pulling, and bending is especially hard on the spine. Spinal subluxation (misalignment of vertebrae) often occurs in the lumbar region. Disc problems may also result.

To diminish the odds for those undesirable problems, it's important to keep your back in good shape. Next time, warm up before beginning your work. Slowly stretch and limber up the muscles in your back. Don't forget your leg and arm muscles, too!

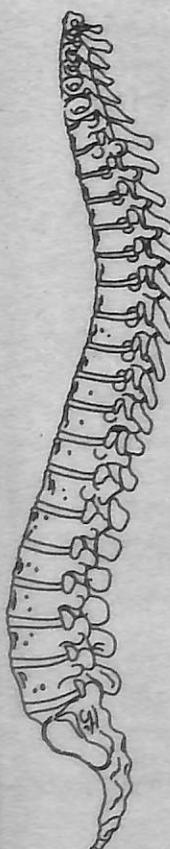
Remember to alternate raking from the left and right sides to maintain proper balance of the spinal muscles. When loading leaves into a bag, be sure to bend your legs rather than your back.

Keep these bags small when the leaves are damp and heavy. Even if you are in good physical condition, shifting and compression of the spinal vertebrae and discs may occur.

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Alcoholics Anonymous: Sunday evenings, 8:00 to 9:00 p.m. In Conference Room A at Noble Hospital, 115 West Silver Street, Westfield. Free of charge. All are welcome.

Stroke Support Group: Wednesdays, October 14th and 28th, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. In the Bronson Rehabilitation Center Dining Room at Noble Hospital.

Free of charge and open to individuals recovering from a stroke and their support persons.

The topic of discussion at these meetings will be announced, and they will be facilitated by Barbara Boulanger, M.S.W., L.I.C.S.W.

Diabetes: Tuesday, October 27th, 1:00 p.m. In Conference Room A at Noble Hospital.

Free of charge and open to individuals suffering from diabetes and their support persons.

Mary Gina Trevisani, M.D., will present the topic "Diabetes and Eye Care."

Better Breathers: Wednesday, October 14th, 2:00 p.m. In the Third Floor Cardiopulmonary Classroom at Noble Hospital.

Free of charge and open to individuals with respiratory or pulmonary difficulties.

At this meeting, James Moran, RRT, will present the topic "Oxygen and Travel."

Crohn's and Colitis: Tuesday, October 20th, 7:00 p.m. In Conference Room A at Noble Hospital.

Free of charge and open to all suffering from Crohn's or colitis and their support persons.

Paul Farkas, M.D., will present the topic "Coping With Inflammatory Bowel Disease."

Cosmetic/Plastic Surgery with Dr. Gary Russolillo: Tuesdays, October 20th and November 17th, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. At Noble Hospital.

Gary E. Russolillo, MD, will present a lecture about Body Contouring Surgeries, Lip Enhancements, Facial Surgeries, and Skin Care Procedures. Also included will be a live chemical peel demonstration.

The presentation will be followed by a complimentary personal consultation. Registration is free, and seating is limited.

Pre-registration is required. To register, call Noble Hospital's Health Beat at (413) 568-2328.

Free Athletic Injury Clinic: Thursdays, October 15th and 29th, 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. At Noble Hospital's Sports & Rehabilitation Center, 76 Main Street, Westfield.

Dr. Joseph Schlaffer's column, "Your Back And Your Health," is a regular feature of the ADVERTISER NEWS...

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—Philippians 3:20

We've all heard of people who are so heavenly-minded that they are no earthly good. We've also heard about preachers who promise their flock great reward in heaven, but ignore life's difficulties. Some people accuse them of being "pie-in-the-sky prophets" who have forgotten that we must still live in the world.

But according to the writer of Hebrews, there is a proper heavenly-mindedness. It's the virtue that enabled Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob to live by faith as tent-dwelling nomads in Canaan (11:8-10).

In his book *Mere Christianity*, C. S. Lewis wrote, "If you read history you will find that the Christians who did the most for the present

world were just those who thought most of the next. The apostles themselves, . . . the great men who built up the Middle Ages, the English evangelicals who abolished the slave trade, all left their mark on earth, precisely because their minds were occupied with heaven. It is since Christians have largely ceased to think of the other world that they have become so ineffective in this. Aim at heaven and you will get earth 'thrown in.'"

If our minds are properly occupied with heaven, we can't help but do earthly good. —HVL

Go up to the mountain of blessing

Alone with the Master in prayer;

Then down to the work in the valley below,

Your face with the love-light of Jesus aglow. —Anon.

AS YOU MIND YOUR EARTHLY DUTIES,
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It's "Carnival" Time!



THE HILLTOP PLAYERS will present the musical "Carnival" at The Red Door Theatre in Feeding Hills on October 16th, 17th, 18th, 23rd, and 24th. Call 789-2026 for reservations. The cast includes Pat Serafino of Feeding Hills, Janet Pohli of Longmeadow, Samantha Shirley of West Springfield, and Sarah Vasicek of Westfield (in front).

Activities At American Academy Of Ballroom Dance

The American Academy of Ballroom Dance, 33 Russo Circle, Agawam will sponsor Group Classes & Dance Party every Monday night October through December starting at 7:30 with two group classes, followed by open dancing from 9:00-10:30 p.m. Light snacks and beverages will be served. Cost of admission is \$5 per person. Come with or without a partner.

Every Friday night through December, Group Classes & Dance Party will be held at a cost of \$10. Two Social Group Classes will be held from 7:30-9:00 p.m. and open dancing following from 9:00 p.m.-midnight. Light buffet and beverages will be served. Come with or without a partner.

PLEASE NOTE: Tuesday evening classes will NO LONGER be held.

For more information on the events being offered, please call The American Academy of Ballroom Dance, 413-786-5125 (fax - 413-786-5111).

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"Memories" Big Band To Hold Open Rehearsal At Agawam Senior Center

"Memories" Big Band will hold an open rehearsal at the Agawam Senior Center on Thursday evening, October 15th, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. The general public is invited.

The orchestra is a 17-piece dance band patterned after the bands of the 1940's and plays many of the favorite selections of those years with almost "note for note" reproductions of the melodies made famous by Glenn Miller, Tommy Dorsey, Harry James, Artie Shaw, and Benny Goodman, as well as Count Basie and Duke Ellington.

The group is in its second year of operation and has performed at a number of local events in the

Hartford and Springfield areas, including recent concerts at the Connecticut malls in Enfield, Meriden, Millford, and Trumbull. It will be playing for a couple of balls at Chez Josef in the coming months.

Members of the orchestra come from a number of towns in Northern Connecticut and Western Massachusetts, and operate from a home base in Somers, Connecticut.

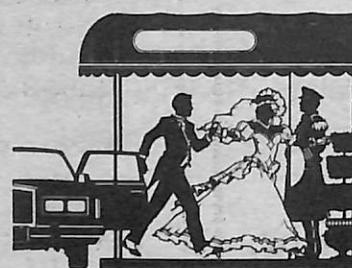
The Agawam Senior Center open rehearsal is free and will provide areas for both dancing and listening.

Our office is closed on Columbus Day (Monday, October 12th); however, we ask that you please slide your articles, press releases, etc., under our door.

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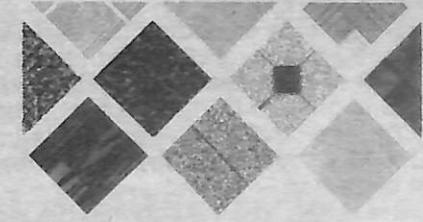


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DAVID BREASHEARS

Filmmaker David Breashears At Spfld. Public Forum

World-class filmmaker, adventurer, and mountaineer David Breashears will appear as the second lecturer in the current Springfield Public Forum Series. His illustrated talk, entitled "Miracle on Everest," will take place on Thursday, October 15th, at 7:30 p.m. in Symphony Hall in downtown Springfield. This event is open to all and is free of charge.

Breashears will cover the harrowing ascent and rescue on the world's most challenging mountain in May of 1996. His program is made possible with a co-sponsorship by Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company. Eustis Walcott, Vice President of Corporate Communications, will preside as chairman.

Breashears has combined his skills in climbing and cinematography to become one of the world's most acclaimed adventure filmmakers. His work has taken him to remote locations throughout Tibet, China, Nepal, India, Pakistan, and East Africa.

In the spring of 1996, he directed, photographed, and co-produced the first-ever Imax film on Mt. Everest. This film, titled *Everest*, premiered in March and has been released to more than 40 Imax and Omnimax theaters throughout North America and Europe, where it has been enthusiastically received by overflow audiences.

When the devastating blizzard of May 10, 1996 hit Mt. Everest, killing several climbers, Breashears and his team were in the midst of making their historic film. In the tragedy that soon followed, he and his staff stopped filming to assist several of the stranded climbers to safety.

The team was later recognized as heroes for their courageous efforts. Subsequently, they regrouped and finished their ascent of the mountain on May 23, 1996, achieving their goal of becoming the first to attain Imax film images from the top of the world.

Breashears will speak about the challenges he faced on his expedition and the tragedy which led to the deadliest day in the history of Mt. Everest.

Over the past 17 years, Breashears has worked on 27 film projects ranging from full-length feature films to music videos.

His film credits include director of photography for *Seven Years in Tibet* (1997), *Ice Princess* (1995 - a "National Geographic Explorer" film shot in Peru), the prize-winning *Red Flag Over Tibet* (1993), and *Cliffhanger* starring Sylvester Stallone (for which he was a cameraman, climbing consultant, and advisor). He is the recipient of four Emmy Awards for achievement in cinematography.

His Imax Everest expedition is the subject of the "National Geographic" book, *Everest: Mountain Without Mercy*. In addition, Breashears has a contract with Simon and Schuster to write an autobiography to be released in March of 1999.

His "Nova" production, *Everest: Into Thin Air*, released earlier this year, was his fourth ascent of Mt. Everest.

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF AGAWAM BOARD OF APPEALS

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing at the Agawam Middle School Cafeteria, 68 Main St., Agawam, MA on THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22, 1998 at 7:00 P.M., for all parties interested in the appeal of the TOWN OF AGAWAM, who is seeking a Special Permit in accordance with Section 180-7, Paragraphs A & B of the Zoning Ordinances, which would allow for the alteration and expansion of the old "Fire House" structure at the premises identified as: 35 ELM STREET.

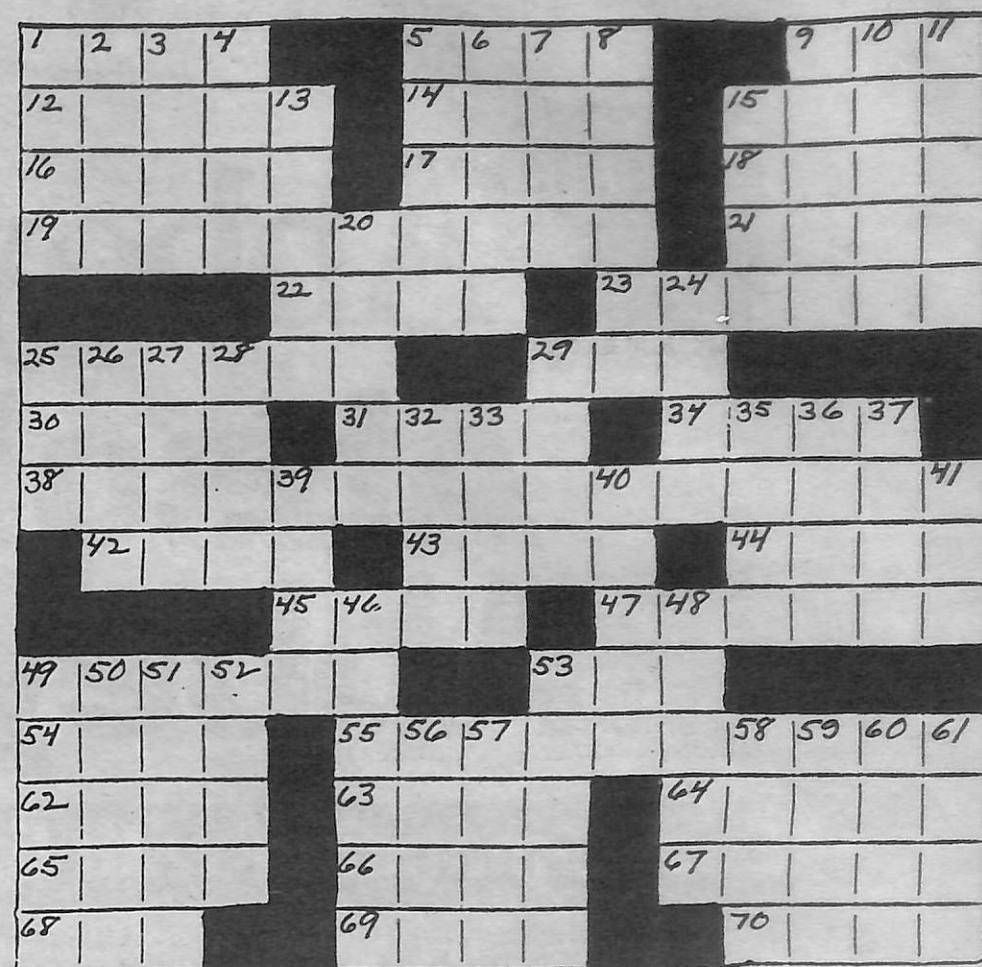
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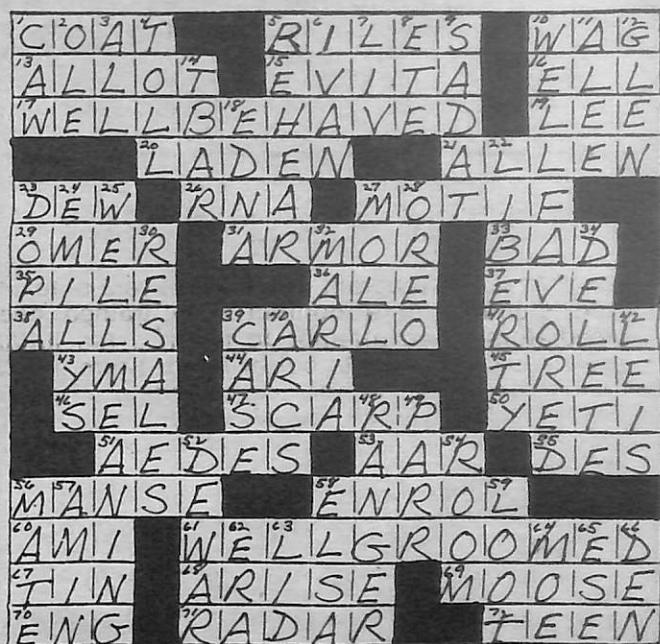
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At The Junior High & AHS...

Peer Mediators Want To Help Settle Disputes

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

Who doesn't remember the turbulent years at Junior High and High School when intense friendships often led to fierce rivalries and jealousies. Most adults would be less than honest if they claimed they can look back without cringing at the thought of at least one memory of petty or spiteful behavior directed at or instigated by themselves.

Most teens manage to get through the years when everyone is talking about everyone else, feelings are easily hurt, and hearts are broken on a daily basis without bringing the full weight of their school's disciplinary code crashing down on them.

But sometimes, conflicts between friends, former friends, and rivals can escalate into the types of situations that can only lead to serious violations of school rules, setting students on a path leading straight to disciplinary action, including suspension and possible expulsion.

Before that happens, students at Agawam Junior High School and AHS have a sort of safety net in the peer mediation programs run by each school's Substance Abuse Prevention counselor.

According to AHS counselor Jack Dougherty, "We're a stepping stone between the administration and students. The administration lets us help kids avoid problems with the discipline code, like violating the rules against verbal harassment, for example. We strive to get the kids to sign a contract agreeing to certain stipulations. If they violate the conditions, we try to get them back into mediation."

At AHS, the program is in its fifth year of teaming students in a conflict with trained peer mediators in an attempt to reach a resolution before a problem gets out of hand. There are 33 volunteer peer mediators, representing all grade levels, as well as all levels of academic performance and all areas of extracurricular and athletic interests.

At the Junior High, counselor Wendy Bradley is putting together a team of seventh graders who will attend training sessions along with the High School peer mediators later this month at the Police Station's Community Room.

The seventh graders will be the core group to replace the eighth graders who have moved on to the High School. New recruits will be trained each year to keep the program going and to serve as a feeder program for the high school, Ms. Bradley said.

Typically, students are referred to the peer mediators for a conflict resolution session by teachers, administrators, parents, or by themselves. At both schools, the substance abuse counselor chooses two mediators to sit down with the students for as long as it takes to come to a resolution. Usually the terms of a contract can be worked out in less than an hour, but sometimes the discussions can go on much longer, circling back to square one and adding to everyone's frustration.

"Patience" And "Willingness"...

Peer mediators include AHS seniors Danielle Tirone and Dawn Bucalo and junior Dianna DiStefano. They agree the key elements in the process are patience on the part of the mediators and a willingness on the part of the students to resolve their conflict.



THIS YEAR'S peer mediators recently gathered at Agawam High School with AHS advisor Jack Dougherty and Junior High advisor Wendy Bradley (back row, far left). Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

"They have to want to be there or we won't be able to get anywhere," said Danielle.

Sometimes, the problems between students have been brewing over the years and the mediators must continually try to keep the discussion focused on the present. Often, matters are complicated by friends talking about the situation that keeps the rumor mill spinning.

"The last thing we have the mediators do is ask the students to tell their friends the problem has been solved and ask them to stop talking about it," Ms. Bradley said.

According to the peer mediators, the program benefits both sides at the negotiating table. The students in conflict have the chance to solve their problems and avoid serious disciplinary consequences. Along the way to helping their peers reach amicable settlements or agreements to break off a relationship entirely, the mediators are picking up some valuable experience for their own lives.

"We benefit by learning skills that can help us solve our own problems throughout our lives. We can use the things we've learned in the workplace or even within our own families. Being a mediator opens us up to how people react, how people handle things, and how we can help out," Dianna said.

According to Dougherty, the success of the program hinges on the training the mediators receive and the peer-to-peer connection (which eliminates the resentment students can feel at taking advice from an adult).

"The mediators have to guide the students through the process, using their communication skills and their listening skills. They have to be able to look at the situation and to ask the right questions," Dougherty said. "It's important to keep the program student-based because they are the same age, from the same class, and often they know each other. That can be helpful in defusing a situation."

Later this month when the peer mediators travel to the Police Station for their training sessions, the cost for the bus and the graduation pizza party will be picked up by the Junior High PTO, Ms. Bradley said.

AHS's Class Of 1978 Seeks "Missing" Alumni For Reunion

The Agawam High School Class of 1978 will be holding its 20-Year Class Reunion on Saturday evening, November 28, 1998 at the Tekoa Country Club in Westfield.

Invitations have been sent out; however, we are still unable to find the following classmates:

Chris Armand, Gladys Ayala, Mary-Ann Benedict, Alan Bittner, Victor Bortolussi, Neil Brown, Rebecca Brown, Janice Caramazza, Victor Cestari, Steven Chesley, Suzanne Chicione, Michael Clark, Marc Colcombe, Rhonda Comforde, Jeff Cosenzi, Ronald Couture, Laura DeMusis, Michael Donovan, Timothy Drane, Daniel Duffy, Lauren (Dunn) Cunningham, Loretta Farber, Stephen Ferrero, Jane Finau, Michael Follini, Catherine Foote, Steven French, Sandra Ghidoni, Tina Gravel, Marcy Harris, James Hill, Michael Holzman, Janet Houle, Deborah Howe.

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If you know the whereabouts of any of these classmates, or if you are planning to attend this reunion, we need to know! Please send your money in soon.

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Guidance Column...

by Alan Cohen
Guidance Coordinator

First Year Of High School? Get Your Teen Off To A Good Start!

The first year in high school can be a make-or-break year for your son or daughter. As parents, you have the responsibility of helping make the transition to high school a smooth and easy process. **Your role is very important!** Here are some helpful hints:

- **ATTEND OPEN HOUSES/PARENT NIGHTS.** Meet your child's counselor and teachers. Know whom your son/daughter is spending the day with.
- **HELP YOUR TEEN LEARN TIME MANAGEMENT.** High school teachers are likely to give long-term projects. Teens need to learn how they can manage their time to meet their responsibilities for six or seven classes.
- **ENCOURAGE YOUR TEEN TO GET INVOLVED WITH AT LEAST ONE ACTIVITY.** Students who are in at least one extracurricular activity have better attendance and better grades.
- **GET INVOLVED YOURSELF.** There are so many things a parent can do to make the high school a more exciting place. Attend sports events, music events, volunteer in the office, talk to classes about your career, help the school set up a sight on the World Wide Web. Whatever you do, you'll be playing a role in your teen's education.
- **DON'T ALWAYS BELIEVE WHAT YOUR TEEN OR HIS/HER FRIENDS TELL YOU.** Teens are not above trying to convince their parents that they are the only one in the world with a curfew. By calling another parent, you're likely to find that your rules are not so unusual.
- **REMEMBER, JUST BECAUSE YOUR CHILD SPENDS TIME ON HOMEWORK DOESN'T MEAN THE TIME IS WELL SPENT.** If you suspect that your youngster isn't giving his best, the problem probably is motivation. If effort is there but results don't follow, he/she may be lacking study skills. Contact your son's/daughter's guidance counselor and/or teachers immediately to assist you in this area.
- **MAKE IT A POINT TO DISCUSS CURRENT EVENTS AT THE DINNER TABLE.** Also, make it a point to discuss and applaud your son's or daughter's successes for that day. Look for improvements.
- **IT'S INDISPUTABLE:** A child's school success depends less on I.Q. than it does on what parents do at home to help a youngster achieve. It's vital that you encourage self-reliance. You won't always be there to exhort or cajole your child into completing assignments - nor would you want to be. Help your child set his own standards. Make them high but still attainable. If you need help in this area, please feel free to contact your son's/daughter's counselor.

GUIDANCE BULLETIN

College Representatives: If you are interested in meeting with any of the following college representatives, you should sign up at least a day in advance in the guidance office.

October 13th: UMass Amherst, 8:00 a.m.; College of St. Rose, 8:30 a.m.; Regis College, 10:00 a.m.

October 14th: Western New England College, 8:00 a.m.; Assumption College, 9:00 a.m.; STCC, 9:30 a.m.

Scholarships: See your counselor for more information or an application.

The following colleges offer merit scholarships to qualified students who attend that institution: Hobart and Williams Smith Colleges, Champlain College, Roanoke College.

Open Houses: See your counselor for more information.

College Fair: Holyoke Community College, Thursday, October 15th, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 noon. Over 50 colleges and universities from throughout New England will be represented.

College of St. Rose: November 1, 11:00 a.m.; **Loyola College:** October 10th, October 31st; November 7th; **Utica College:** November 11th, 10:30 a.m.; **Elms College Overnight:** Tuesday to Wednesday, November 3rd & 4th; **Manhattan College:** October 25th, 12:00 noon; **Saint Joseph College:** October 17th or November 11th.

Eugene Lang College: October 11th or November 15th; **Fashion Institute of Technology:** October 24th; **Castleton State College:** November 14th; **University of Southern Maine:** October 24th, November 2nd, November 11th; **New York State Ranger School:** October 12th; **Hobart and William Smith Colleges:** October 12th or November 9th.

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Agawam High School's Calendar Of Events And Activities For The Month Of October

October 1st-31st: "Coats for Kids" (Channel 40) sponsored by the AHS Math Club/Math Team; AHS Band *Entertainment Books* sales.

October 7th-21st: Halloween party for children visiting Child Development classes.

October 7th-31st: National Honor Society candy fundraiser.

October 10th: SAT I sponsored by the AHS Guidance Department.

October 10th-27th: Halloween party for children visiting Child Development classes.

October 11th: AHS Band in Springfield Columbus Day Parade - 1:00 p.m.

October 12th: Renaissance perfect attendance awards for September; Renaissance VIP awards given by each staff member; Dia de la Raza - all Spanish classes.

October 14th: Alateen meeting sponsored by the Substance Abuse Prevention director; Culinary Arts Club meeting in room 6.

October 15th: "Drugs: Signs and Symptoms and How to Help a Friend" sponsored by the Substance Abuse Prevention director; AHS School Improvement Council meeting at 7:00 p.m.

October 16th: Discussion group sponsored by the Substance Abuse Prevention director.

October 17th: PSAT sponsored by the AHS Guidance Department; AHS Band field show festival in Rockville, Connecticut, at 7:00 p.m.

October 19th-30th: Peer Leadership Community Service fundraiser.

October 20th: Intergenerational Poetry Group will meet in room 38 from 1:35 to 2:35 p.m.

October 21st: AHS Math Club meeting; Alateen meeting sponsored by the Substance Abuse Prevention director.

October 23rd: Discussion group sponsored by the Substance Abuse Prevention director; Freshman Class Elections.

October 23rd-31st: Peer Leadership Red Ribbon Week for a Healthy Lifestyle.

October 24th: AHS Band field show festival in Southington, Connecticut (time TBA).

October 28th-30th: Peer Mediation Training - Agawam Police Training Center.

October 29th: AHS to participate in the National Student/Parent Mock Election (the nation's largest voter education project); AHS Math Team practice.

October 30th: Discussion group sponsored by the Substance Abuse Prevention director; Deadline for return of Senior Salute forms, money, and pictures; Renaissance Spring Sports GPA pizza party.

October 31st: Costume Day sponsored by Peer Leadership.

October 31st-November 2: Dia de los Muertos - all Spanish classes.

Agawam Students Honored At Suffield Academy's Underclass Prize Day

At Suffield Academy's annual Underclass Prize Day on September 24th, the following Agawam students were honored for their accomplishments during the 1997-1998 school year:

Jeffrey Beaudette: Yale Book Prize for leadership and citizenship.

Elizabeth Cowan: Sophomore English Award, Underclass Spanish Award, Chemistry Award, and Mount Holyoke Book Prize for sophomore

academic achievement, leadership, and concern for others.

Sarah Cowan: Holy Cross Book Award for excellence in History, and Smith Book Prize for academic achievement, leadership, and concern for others.

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THE AHS JAZZ BAND performed at the Accreditation Dinner at Chez Josef. From left: Frances Messina (Arts Coordinator), Steven Messina (piano), Chris Trevethan (drums), Matt Perry (bass guitar), Justin Gorman (guitar), Patrick Lennon (trumpet), Band Director Tammy Watson (clarinet), Mary Manning (saxophone), and Charles Denison (trombone). Advertiser

News photo by Jack Devine.

Accreditation Dinner Held At Chez Josef

On Sunday, October 4th, the Agawam High School Steering Committee welcomed the 1998 Accreditation Visiting Team Members at a dinner held at Chez Josef in Agawam.

Greetings were given by AHS Principal Joseph Zabielski and Superintendent of Schools Frank Ameruoso. Music for the dinner was provided by

the Agawam High School Jazz Band.

During this event, there was a school and community profile video, as well as an introduction by Dr. Robert Berardi, chairman of the 1998 Accreditation Visiting Team.

The co-chairs of AHS's Accreditation Steering Committee are Lorraine Alves and Judith Lech.

Agawam High's Class Of 1973 To Hold 25th Reunion On Fri., November 27th

It sure doesn't seem like 25 years have gone by!!! The Agawam High School's Class of 1973 25-year reunion will be held at the Log Cabin in Holyoke, November 27th at 6:30 p.m. sharp!

This elegant affair will be entertained by the BRASS ATTACK eight-piece band. The invitations have been sent out and many classmates are still missing. All R.S.V.P.'s are needed back now to insure your reservation.

ABSOLUTELY NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE DOOR. Other classes, faculty, and friends are welcome to join us.

If you can help locate any of the following missing classmates or have any class memorabilia or old photos, please contact Susan Borgatti Meunier at 786-6669 or Steve Richter at 569-3214.

David Ainsworth, Lisa Bazzano Sibilia, Chip Benson, Robert Bouley, John Brame, Lorraine Brazeau, Thomas Brunelle, Constance Buynick, Darlene Cardone, Lynn Cirillo, Claudia Cunningham, Richard Deblois, Tom Folger, Candace Gallucci.

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Our office is closed on Columbus Day (Monday, October 12th); however, we ask that you please slide your articles, press releases, etc., under our door.

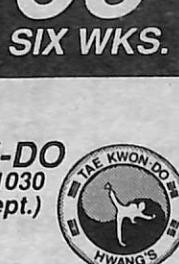
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School food service personnel, in cooperation with parents, must be concerned with providing a learning opportunity and providing adequate nutrients.

On Wednesday, October 14th, lunch cafeterias in Agawam will have a certain number of plates marked on the bottom. Any student receiving a marked plate will receive a free lunch that day.

This past month, 2,400 Type A lunches were served daily in the Agawam school cafeterias. State and federal assistance help to keep the cost of meals down through donated USDA foods and cash reimbursements for each Type A lunch.

School lunch provides a well-balanced meal that will meet one-third of a child's daily nutritional requirement. School lunch is a vanguard of all learning. It is virtually impossible to teach a child who is sitting in the classroom hungry.

Agawam Schools' Weekly Lunch Menu

Monday, October 12th: Columbus Day (no school).

Tuesday, October 13th: Steamed frankfurter in roll, Boston baked beans, oven potato rounds, chilled pears in syrup, milk.

Wednesday, October 14th: Baked hamburg and macaroni with tomato sauce, Italian bread and butter, tossed garden salad with spinach greens and Italian dressing, chilled pineapple tidbits, milk.

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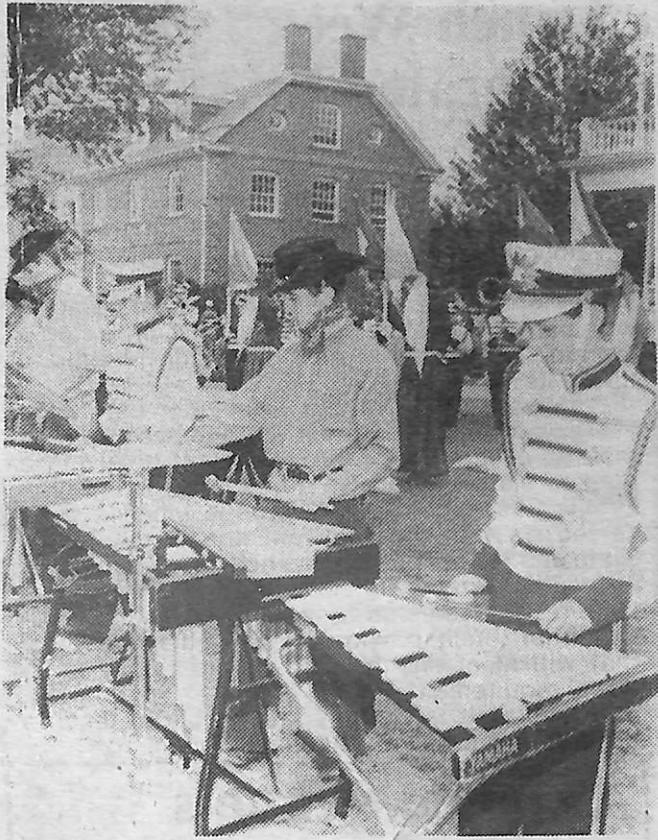


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AHS Band And Color Guard Members At "The Big E"...



The AHS pit percussion in performance at the Massachusetts Building. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



Agawam High School's pit percussion performed for fairgoers last Wednesday, September 30th, which was "Agawam Day" at this year's edition of The Big E. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



Flag Captain Jennifer McGuire (front) and Carrie Fede (back) of the AHS Color Guard. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



The AHS Honor Guard marches in The Big E parade on "Agawam Day" (September 30th). Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 61 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF AGAWAM TO EXPAND THE VETERANS COUNCIL FROM FIVE MEMBERS TO SEVEN MEMBERS

WHEREAS, the Agawam Veterans Council was created in 1991 to work together in the best interests of and for the welfare of the veterans of the Town of Agawam to organize and implement the Memorial Day activities in the Town of Agawam; to organize and implement the Veterans Day activities in the Town of Agawam; and to assist in other patriotic events and activities in Agawam during each year;

WHEREAS, with plans for the first State Veterans Cemetery in Agawam underway and with plans for the construction of a Veterans Honor Roll on the Veteran's Green underway, there exists a need to expand the size of the Agawam Veterans Council;

LEGAL NOTICE

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the Town of Agawam and all the veterans who live in Agawam to expand the size of the Agawam Veterans Council from five members to seven members; and

NOW THEREFORE, the Agawam Town Council hereby amends Section 61-1 of the Code of the Town of Agawam entitled "Membership; appointment; terms." to read as follows:

"The Agawam Veterans Council shall consist of seven (7) members. There shall be six (6) residents of Agawam who are honorably discharged veterans of the armed services who shall be appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the Town Council. The seventh member of the Agawam Veterans Council shall be the duly appointed Director/Agent of the Western Hampden District of the Department of Veterans' Services." This amendment shall be effective upon passage.

Dated this 23rd day of September, 1998.

Donald M. Rheault, Council President
APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY
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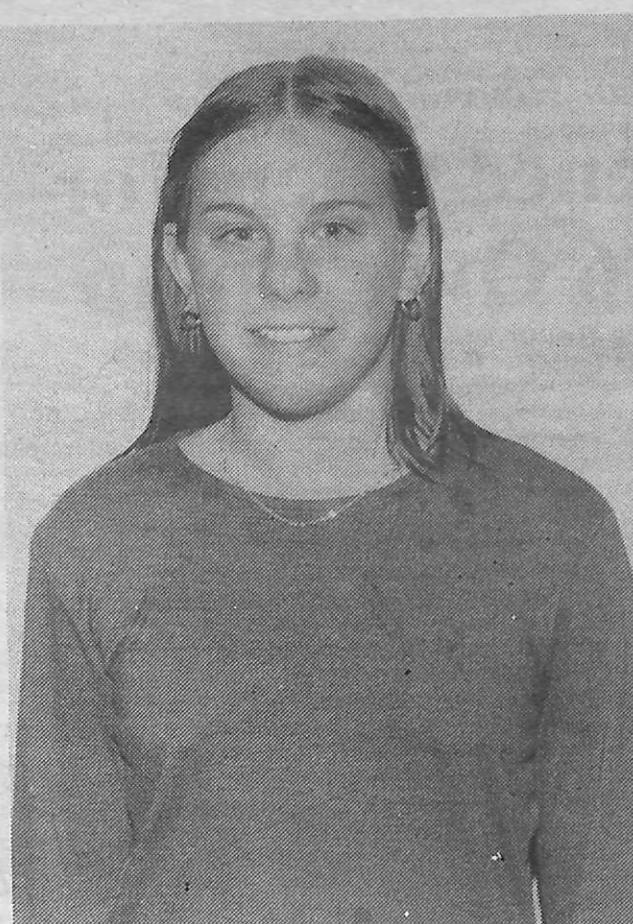
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MICHELLE FIGELLA was named the seventh-grade "Art Student of the Month" at Agawam Junior High School. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Insights On The First Month Of School

by Joseph S. Zabielski
Principal, Agawam High School

With the first full month of school officially over, I would like to share several insights with Agawam High School parents and with the larger community.

The new addition has had a very positive impact. The additional space has helped to reduce class size, promote departmental collegiality, and stimulate learning. The school now offers two lunches instead of three. This has helped eliminate the educationally unsound split period and has improved behavior.

A mentor-teacher program has been launched. This innovation is one of the primary areas of staff development for the year. Its purpose is to help support and train our new teachers using veteran in-house teachers as mentors. (Thanks go to the following mentor teachers: Patricia Bertone-Gross, Joanne Brown, Sandra Hines, Robert Janik, Dorothy Martin, Cindy McCormack, Nancy Miller, Kathy Mouneimneh, Larry O'Brien, Margo Poulin, Barbara Stevens, and Jim White, and to Lorraine Alves and Mary Czajkowski for facilitating this program.)

The vast majority of the student body has been well behaved and prepared to learn. Teachers have indicated that students seem more academically motivated this year. (Thank you, parents, for keeping them on track the remainder of the year.) However, all is not perfect.

Smoking continues to be a problem. It creates an unhealthy and unsettling restroom situation. Time spent on disciplinary action is wasted educational time. What is truly discouraging is how many students can so easily purchase tobacco products illegally.

Far too many Agawam High School students are getting arrested at school or in the community. Substance abuse is involved in the vast majority of arrests. Students lose precious school days which cannot be truly made up.

Students are also consuming potentially dangerous food supplements. Though this is popular and legal, parents should watch very carefully what their child is ingesting.

September has been an action-packed month. The building is beautiful, new technology has been added, and community support is growing. I would like to thank all those at the High School who have contributed to making September an overall success.

Remember, our deadline is each Tuesday at noon.

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Agawam Schools Closed Oct. 19th For Professional Dev.

On Monday, October 19, 1998, the Agawam Public Schools will conduct a full day of professional development for all PreK - 12 staff.

Consequently, schools will not be in session on that day, since teachers will spend the entire day attending various workshops and training sessions.

Students will return to school on Tuesday, October 20, 1998.

Our deadline is each Tuesday at 12:00 noon ...

Book Discussion To Commence In October At Agawam Library

The Agawam Public Library is planning a book discussion for October. Two books by poet and writer Maya Angelou will be discussed on October 19th and 26th from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.; *Wouldn't Take Nothing for My Journey Now*, a book of short essays, and *Heart of a Woman*, an autobiographical work.

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Sports

Girls' Soccer Vs Central...

Defense Keys 2-1 Girls' Win Over Central

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

You didn't have to be a soccer expert or even a proverbial rocket scientist Tuesday evening to understand why the visiting Agawam High girls' soccer team prevailed, 2-1, over the always-tough Central High Golden Eagles under the cold, harvest-mooned skies of Springfield.

Three things did it: defense, defense, and more defense. The whole deal was led by keeper Laura Bucalo and her backline mates. The sophomore has been filling in for the past three games because starting tender Franca Bonavita has been out with a busted-up elbow (she'll be back in a week). It was, without a doubt, Bucalo's finest 80 minutes in the Agawam goal.

Central managed 11 shots on the Brownie net throughout the game. The majority of them were hard, close, and right on, especially in the final 20 minutes when the Springfield team stormed the AHS zone. Three times she had to vacate the goalmouth and challenge a shooter who was either free or semi-free and bearing down on her.

"I worked as hard as I could because I know how hard my teammates work to get a goal down the other end. Sure, I was worried at times. But the defense played well in front of me and that built up my confidence," Bucalo smiled. Brownie Coach Mary Murray was also all smiles. "It's been a while since I've seen a better performance by a goalie. On at least four occasions, Laura saved the game for us."

A Rough Game...

Central served notice that the Brownies were going to be in for a street fight (it was a rough game from the get-go to the final horn). With 3:56 gone in the first half, slippery and talented forward Christina Huff received a pass from Leigh Anderson and dribbled past at least three Brownies to the left point, where she launched a rocket from 40 feet-out, beating a shocked Bucalo to the right corner of the net.

Agawam's first goal was set up by a charge led by forwards Gina Loudfoot, Jill Gendron, and fullback Kate Shannon. Loudfoot, hustling to the ball as usual, had a shooting lane but misfired. The Eagles, desperate to take off the pressure, booted the ball out of bounds over the endline.

That resulted in an Agawam corner from the right side. The ball spun into the crease and into a crowd. Crowds, especially not more than 10 feet in front of them, can be a nightmare for a keeper. Such was the case for Central tender Sam Bousquet. The next time she saw the ball, it was behind her, kissing the back of her net.

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Return Of Gallagher, St. Jean Helps Romp...

AA Conference Open For AHS - 32-16 Over Comp

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

In sports, a week can mean a world of difference. Take Agawam High's 32-14 win at Chicopee Comp last Friday in the AA Conference opener.

Just seven days earlier, AHS got creamed by Longmeadow High, 32-6. There was a reason for that one - no Brian Gallagher and no Brian St. Jean.

They were back against the Colts, contributing for three of the five Agawam touchdowns. While the return of both players was crucial to the Brownies' overall scheme of things, Gallagher's was more compelling.

Many thought the senior All-Western Mass. player was coming back too soon from a separated left shoulder. But an extensive regimen of physical therapy, a big leather brace, plus faith in himself and his doctors carried the day, or in this case, the night.

Coach Dean Vecchiarelli, perhaps a bit concerned about the welfare of his big running back, used him sparingly on offense. Gallagher had only 10 carries in the game, far below his average of 25 (over two years). That effort produced 45 yards and more importantly, two touchdowns on runs of six and two yards. "I think they played so well just because Brian was back," Trainer Dave Stratton noted.

Team Charged Up

The charge Gallagher's return put into the club was mirrored by the performance of his team-

mates all game long. Jason Daigneau was certainly one of them. The junior wide-out, who was the quarterback last week in the loss vs. LHS, returned a punt early in the first quarter that saw him slash the ball up the middle and cut to the right sideline for an 89-yard score.

Six minutes later, St. Jean, back as the signal caller, executed the option perfectly with a 49 touchdown run around right-end at the 3:20 mark. Agawam was up 12-0 after one quarter.

Senior Mark Pedraza, a tight end by trade, also got a chance to work some at running back. The big guy had 58 yards on 12 carries. His second quarter score (a three-yard pass from St. Jean) upped the margin to 18-0, Brownies. Then Gallagher got into the mix. He rumbled six yards for Agawam's fourth score late in the half. Intermission saw the visitors take a 26-0 lead into the locker room.

The second half saw Gallagher score once again (his fourth of the season) on a two-yard plunge. Essentially it was over after that. The stunned Colts were done and gone.

Gallagher received the game ball after it was over, something for which he was proud.

The Brownies' record rose to 2-1 and 1-0 in AA play. Comp fell to 1-1, 0-1. Next up for the Brownies will be Minnechaug Regional on Saturday, October 10th, in a 2:00 p.m. game at Harmon Smith Field. This is another AA Conference game.

Football Preview Vs. Minnechaug...

Brownies Must Shut Air Lanes When Falcons Come To Town

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

Agawam High (2-1) needs to get its pass rush geared up for Minnechaug Regional (1-3) at Harmon Smith Field on Saturday, October 10th (2:00 p.m.). The Falcons boast one of the best passers in Western Mass. - Mike McCloskey.

In three games, the 6'2", 190-pound senior has thrown for over 400 yards and six touchdowns, although his Falcons were bombed by Cathedral last Saturday.

He has a gang of talented receivers on the other

end of his heaves. Among them are seniors Matt Wrisley (2 touchdowns), Jeff Moss (1 touchdown), Cono Balalamenti (1 touchdown), and Tom Davis (2 touchdowns). All are experienced and talented. All should give the Agawam High secondary gang some tense moments on this rare Saturday afternoon home game.

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The Agawam goal was scored (with 6:26 gone in the half) by senior midfielder Melissa Cote, who is better known for her basketball talent than her soccer skills. "I made Melissa my game captain for this one. I could tell how proud she was when I told her," Murray said.

Maybe it was that extra incentive for the improving Cote, since it was her first goal of the season and blended nicely with her tenacious effort on defense for the entire contest. Amy Paquette, who thrives on melees in front of the goal, got the assist.

Both defenses distinguished themselves for the rest of the first half. The Brownie "D," however, dodged some bullets because of Bucalo's play, plus the ability of fullbacks Amanda Merola, Shannon, and sweeper Sheri Benton to get back quickly, thus countering Central's speed.

With 30 seconds to go, Bucalo faced a drive from the left box, which was headed to the high right corner of her net. Her leaping deflection preserved a 1-1 halftime deadlock. In the first half, Agawam had three shots on net. Central contributed with six on the Agawam goal.

The Intermission Address...

The intermission address by Murray to her troops must have gone something like this — "Get more aggressive on offense."

With 1:10 gone and the pressure on, Agawam scored on a half-volley shot in the right corner of the box by senior stopper Kornelia Moysis off an assist from Gendron. The 2-1 Agawam lead would hold up after that. Also, after that, the play became about as physical as you can get without incurring a flurry of yellow cards.

Central, getting frustrated with each passing minute by the efforts of the Brownie defenders, seemed to be willing another score. Especially from 9:35 to 3:10 left, they buzzed every nook and cranny of the Agawam zone, from the crease to the entire expanse of the box. Courtney Adamczyk, Kara Tierney, Cote, and Amanda Merola helped build a wall, daring the Eagles to fly over it. And, in the important final minutes, some nifty play was turned in by reserve fullback Alison Jackobek of softball fame.

Central's last best chance for the tie came with 2:05 left. Huff, with speed to give away, split the defense down the middle and had the golden opportunity. Bucalo, seeing the situation (Huff 30 feet away and about to launch), raced out of her net and fell on the ball with a big bear hug while Benton fell on top of her.

Agawam cleared and took the game. Their record rose to 3-4-3. Central dropped to 4-5-1. It was a non-conference game, so no damage was done or advantage gained in that respect, for either club.

Agawam had two second-half shots on goal for a game total of five. Central's five totaled them up at 11.

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The Seniors On AHS Field Hockey Team...



SENIOR CLASS MEMBERS on the Agawam High varsity field hockey team include, from left - Jasjit Gotra, Patty Zerra, Eva Dommechauk, Tara Fleming, Robin Przybyla, Heather Hughes, Sarah Latif, Sara Nacewicz, Gina Cellilli, and Danielle DeForge. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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Minnechaug has an offensive line which averages 190 pounds a man, and is skilled in pass blocking because the pass is so much a part of the Falcons' game plan. Agawam averages about the same on its defensive line, so it should be a battle in the trenches, which might come down to a lot of blitzing by the Brownies.

Minnechaug's running game is average. When they go overland out of the I-formation, 5'11" senior Matt Livermore (1 touchdown, 195 yards) will usually lug it. McCloskey will also run if he gets the chance, especially off scrambles out of blown passing situations.

Agawam Offense Will Run The Option

The Agawam offense, which is not prone to passing if they don't have to do it, will run the option, with senior Brian Gallagher and perhaps senior Marc Pedraza together in what is dubbed as the "elephant backfield."

If quarterback Brian St. Jean does throw, he'll have to watch out for Moss in the Falcons' defensive backfield. He has great one-on-one speed and is a ball hawk at free safety. But Minnechaug has allowed five TD passes so far. With a suspect pass rush, Minnechaug just might be vulnerable to a few more aerials than the Brownies are used to throwing.

McCloskey might have some extra incentive in this one. Last year in Wilbraham, he was hit hard and knocked out of the game, which Agawam went on to win, 35-20.

At this writing, Gallagher will play. How much probably won't be known until game time because of his separated shoulder. But each week Gallagher plays can only increase his confidence along with that of his teammates. "I'm not the rah, rah type. I try to lead by example," he noted earlier in the season.

Minnechaug comes in at 1-2, with a 33-20 win over East Longmeadow and losses to South Hadley (22-12) and Cathedral (44-7).

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AHS Frosh & JV News...

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

The Agawam High underclassmen enjoyed a mixed bag recently on the playing fields.

The junior varsity girls' soccer team continues to dominate. As of last Friday night, they boasted an 8-1 record, with week-ending scores over Minnechaug, 7-0; Westfield, 3-0; and Longmeadow, 3-1. Their only loss came in the opening game, when Ludlow beat them, 1-0. In their nine games, they've allowed only two goals while scoring 29.

Coach Lynda Kunasek is especially proud of her defense. "We call them the 'no goal patrol.' We try to spread everything out, starting with the middle. It makes passing against us much tougher," she said.

The coach doesn't like to single out individual players, but she did note that sophomore Heather Newalu, along with junior sweeper Raquel Rodriguez and sisters (junior) Kristen Lawson and (freshman) Jill Lawson had all contributed greatly. "There are no egos or rivalries on this team," she noted. But added, "There could be rivalry because we have five juniors who all have an eye on a job with the varsity."

The junior varsity football team lost last week to Longmeadow, 18-8. Things were still close with three minutes left. But two dropped Brownie punts didn't help their cause. Junior Dennis Lipatka played well on defense with four sacks and a blocked punt, which he ran in for a touchdown. Their record at this writing stands at 1-1.

The freshman footballers also lost to Longmeadow, 35-8, to run their record to 1-1. The Lancers scored on their first drive and led 12-0 at the half. It was all Longmeadow in the second half. Brian Santinello scored for Agawam in the fourth quarter. Bret Begley ran in the two-point conversion. Others showing well included receiver Brian Stamm with two great catches against a stacked secondary, and Dave Hare, who did well on defense.

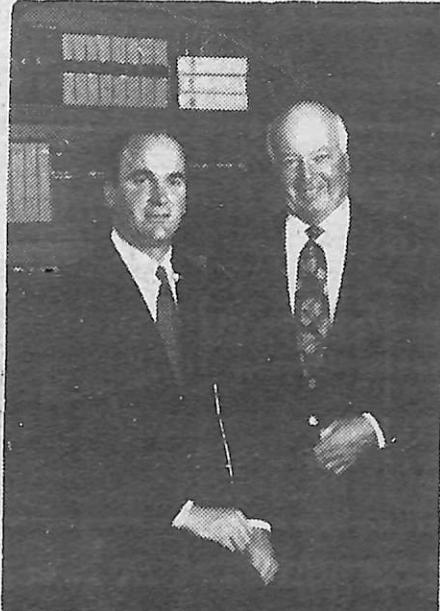
The junior varsity field hockey team finished last week with a win, a loss, and three ties to stand at 1-1-3. The victory was a 6-0 job over Palmer (that type of score almost never happens in that sport).

MEMBERS OF THE AGAWAM HIGH junior varsity field hockey team for the 1998 season include, back row, from left - Sarah Gregory, Jen Pease, Tara Feeley, Jen Bishop, Corrine Butova, Nicole Sausville, Katie Dubay, Heather Crescentini, and Coach Beth Shroeder. Front row - Nicole Dominick, Laurie Halpy, Gina Castellanos, Kim Wheeler, Heather Bussiere, Lisa Menzone, Sara Vincent, and Erin Jackson. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

The junior varsity girls' soccer team ran its record to 9-1 with a 2-0 win Tuesday night at Central. Desiree Marsili had the Brownies' first score. Sophomore Keegan Clark had the second.

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The girls' freshman soccer team is now 3-4. They lost Tuesday to Longmeadow, 3-0. "We out-shot them 23 to six, but nothing would go in. We are showing improvement with every game. And we are playing as a team," frosh Coach Mike Dobise noted.

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EL Golfers Finally Catch Brownies

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

The Agawam High golf team fell, 11½ to 6½, to East Longmeadow Tuesday afternoon at the Agawam Municipal Golf Course. It was a history-making event of sorts, according to Coach Paul Bachini. "It was our first home loss since 1995 and only our second loss in five years at the Agawam course."

East Longmeadow is 11-0-1 this season. Agawam's record after Tuesday is 9-3-1. Earlier in the year, the Spartans just downed the Brownies, 9½ to 8½. "We are as good as we ever were. It's just that almost everyone we play has taken their game to the next level," Bachini added.

Agawam's top three golfers all won their matches with 2-1 margins. Chris Rousseau, at number one, had a one over 36 and was the medalist. Number two Shawn Biebel managed a 42, which was high for him. Freshman Bill Menard had a 39.

Some Problems For The Brownies...

The bottom three, usually the mainstay of Agawam golf over the years when the top trio had trouble, experienced some problems. Number four, sophomore Andy Green, shot 41; junior Bob Woods had a 44; and the sixth man, Jason Rosenberg, came in with a 43. "I decided to start Jason on a hunch. He'd played very well in practice and deserved a chance," the coach noted.

The Spartans' three through six guys just had a much better day, each shooting a three over 38. "There's not much you can do when the opposition comes in with numbers like that and your top guys just fall a little short," Bachini added.

Many of the Brownie matches will be on the road for the balance of the season. That fact, according to the coach, will help his club. "We'll get to play on a variety of courses; all different, all challenging, and all requiring course management. It will help when we get into the playoffs," the coach said.

About the big margin in the loss to EL, he had this to say: "We've done it to so many teams. Now I guess it might be our turn. After the match, several of their golfers came up to me and shook my hand. They said it was finally their turn to come out on top."

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Longmeadow's Visit To Town Most Unpleasant For AHS Boys

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

On paper, the Agawam High boys' soccer team seemed to have the edge Monday night over visiting Longmeadow High. After all, they were at home and had a better record (4-3-2 to 2-2-3). This one was close for a spell, but it turned lightning quick against AHS in a 5-2 loss.

For the first few minutes, it was midfield soccer as both teams seemed to be searching for their offense. With 7:49 gone, Agawam seemed to have it in gear.

After a Lancer rush and a tough shot on the Agawam net, the Brownies stormed back down the left wing. Brian Lopes, two strides in front of the defender, lined it up and sent the ball into the left-hand corner of the Lancer goal for an early 1-0 lead.

Following the goal, Agawam seemed to be getting the best of the action with Dave Thomas, Umberto Santaniello, Joe DiVirgilio, and Brian Machos leading the way. However, with 15 minutes gone in the game, Longmeadow's Tim Murphy found himself with a direct kick. The senior drove a laser beam past Agawam keeper Derek Mercadante to tie it at one.

Less than two minutes after that effort, Santaniello had one of his own great chances. A feed from Jonathan Ashwell landed on his foot inside the box out on the left wing. Umberto's shot sailed high and on net, but hit the crossbar. It would have been a Brownie goal had it been a few inches lower.

At 21:54, Longmeadow had a corner kick from the left side. The ball spun in front of the Agawam net, rebounded off several players and finally home, giving the Lancers a 2-1 lead. No doubt the Brownies were a bit puzzled. The Longmeadow defense was passing crisply and when it went on defense, held them out of effective shooting range.

Patient Visitors
The patient visitors seemed content to play

denial defense until 15:41 remained in the first half. Mercadante made a nice block on an indirect kick. However, the rebound came back out and led to another Longmeadow score. The Brownies, appearing tired at this point, trailed 3-1.

It just wasn't happening. With 5:40 left in the half, Peter Bitzas, Dan Balbony, and Lopes tried to get something going. No dice. Two minutes later, Balbony and Lopes led another charge with the help of Thomas. They buzzed the Lancer goal. Despite several good scoring opportunities, it just wasn't their night. The half ended 3-1, Longmeadow. Agawam had four first-half shots. The Lancers managed seven.

Agawam had sophomore John DeCaro in the net to start the second half. It was gut-check time for the Brownies. It was more good defense and pinpoint passing for the visitors. That's a combination that is hard to beat and Agawam, unable to pull the trigger or fill the lanes, couldn't do it.

Longmeadow produced its fourth goal with just under 15 minutes gone. This one came on a 50-foot blast from the middle, which hooked into the Agawam net. AHS got one back with 13:31 to go on a left-corner kick from Rich Rodriguez to Ashwell.

With 8:32 left, Longmeadow answered, scoring on a crossing pass from the right to left corner. DeCaro had no chance. The frustrated Brownies tried to rally. They attacked in force at the three-minute mark. New Longmeadow keeper Chris Osgood stopped several blasts from excellent shooting range, but to no avail.

The Brownie loss to a Smith Division foe was a tough pill to swallow for Agawam Coach Dwight Northrup. "We didn't mark well. Everyone was flat and no one stepped up at all," he noted. Agawam went to 4-4-2 (1-3). Longmeadow improved to 3-2-2 (2-1-1).

Agawam had seven second-half shots for a total of 11. Longmeadow had six for a total of 13.

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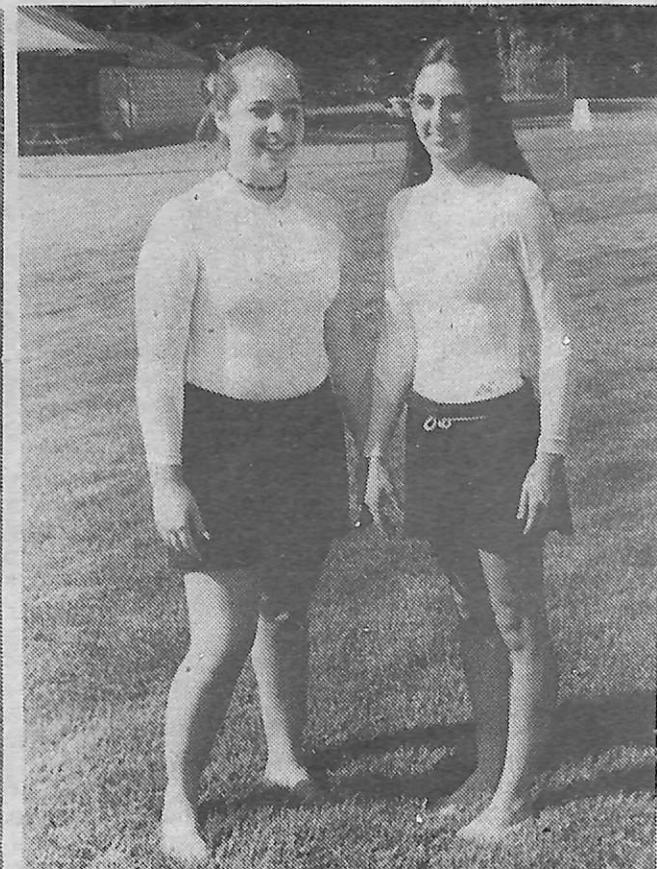
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Brownie Gymnasts Remain Undefeated



THE AGAWAM HIGH GIRLS' GYMNASICS TEAM, the defending Western Mass. champs, are currently undefeated for the 1998 season with a meet scheduled at presstime (details next week). Team members include, back row, from left - Michelle Cote, captain Lisa Marsh, Stephanie Harnois, Amanda Peters, and Elizabeth Clark. Front row - Sara Tremblay, captain Lindsey Hadden, Leila Sekkal, and Crystal Hersey. Missing: Dolores Cuccovia. IN PHOTO RIGHT, senior captains Lindsey Hadden and Lisa Marsh. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

Catholic University Takes Over First Place In Monday Night Tri-Parish Bowling

If there is one thing that can be said about the Tri-Parish Bowling League, nothing is guaranteed from week to week.

After occupying the number-two slot in the standings, Catholic University managed to reach the top of the heap on Monday, September 28th, with its 9.5-2.5 record. St. Michael's, which was the previous leader, fell to second with 9-3.

Fordham and Notre Dame are now tied at 7-5, and Holy Cross and Boston College are deadlocked at 6-6. St. Louis and St. Mary's each have a 5-7 record; Georgetown, the former "caboose" of the league, raised its lot in life to 4-8; and St. Anselm's, with its 3.5-8.5 record, is now on the bottom rung of the league's ladder.

On the last Monday of September, Georgetown

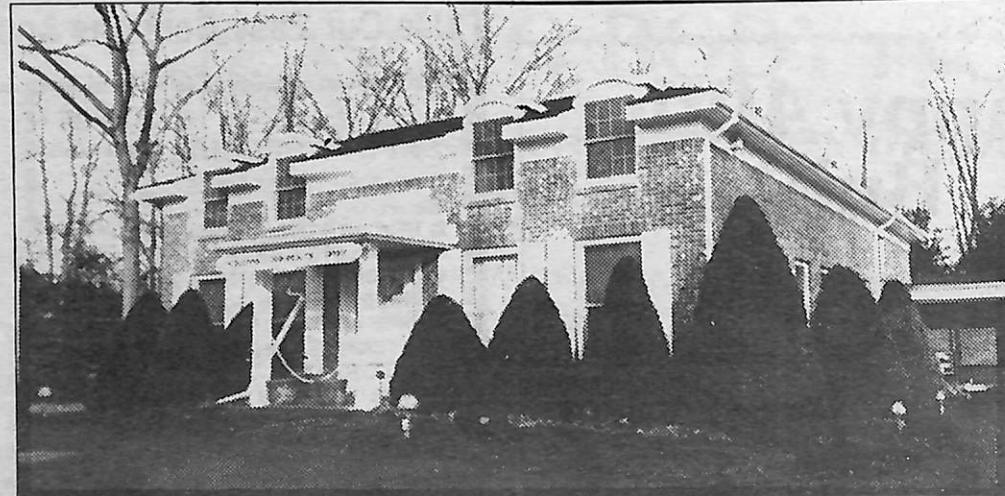
took 3 matches to St. Mary's 1; Boston College, 3 - Holy Cross, 1; Catholic University, 3 - St. Michael's, 1; Fordham, 3 - St. Louis, 1; and Notre Dame, 4 - St. Anselm's, 0 (thereby demonstrating why poor ol' St. A's is now in such a lowly state).

The higher scorers for the men included "Kickin'" KEVIN MULDREW, with a 153 single striking and a 410 triple string, followed by BILL "Black and Blue" GRAY (136 single, 394 triple), GLEN "Not Sam" ADAMS (129, 353), RON "The Bard" LENARD (127, 349), "Lord" JIM LAMBERT

(128, 339), and "Big Bad" JOHN MLINEK (121, 328).

Meanwhile, "The Mighty" DEBBIE POIRIER (135 single string, 336 triple string) led the "alley gals" on this night. Other high-scoring lady bowlers were "Merry" TERRY CERPOVICZ (112 single, 306 triple), PAULA "Not Paulie" BURKE (115, 308), YVONNE "Not Jacques" CHARTIER (102, 301), "Testy" BETSY CANNON (104, 300), "Mean" MAUREEN LYNCOSKY (116, 298), and BARBARA "Barb Wire" HOWARD (104, 298).

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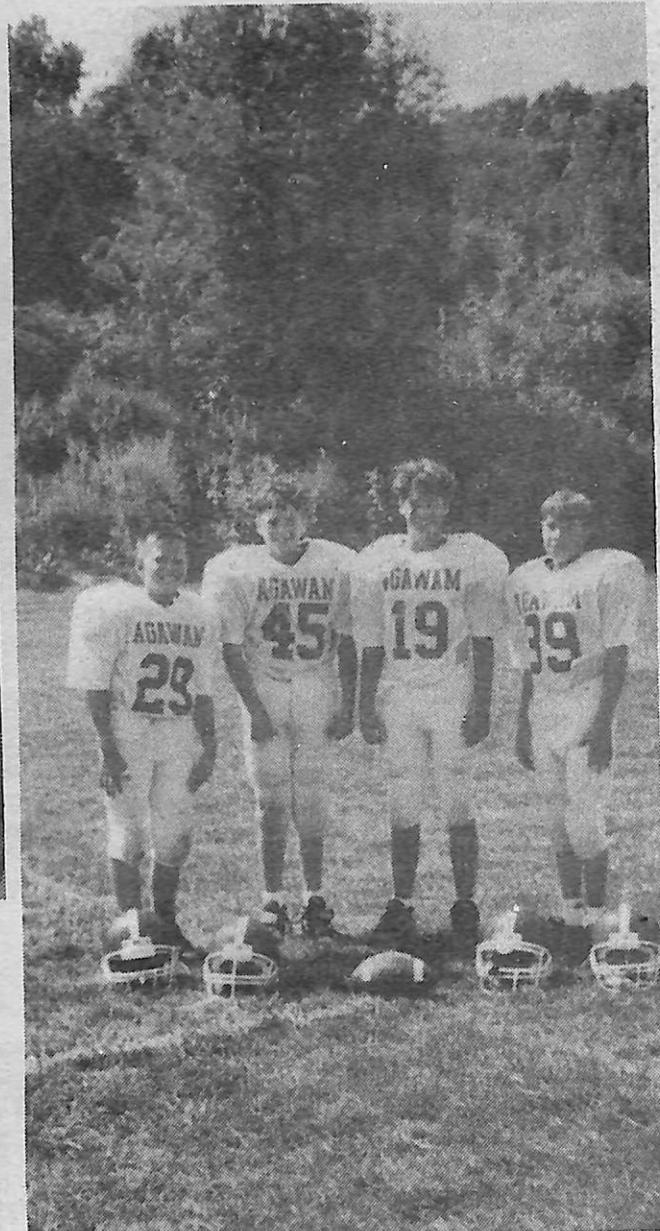
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Jr. High Physical Ed. Students Of Month



PHYSICAL EDUCATION "Students of the Month" for the month of September at the Junior High were (left photo) Steve Iacolo and Christine McGavin, grade eight; and Casey Federico and Amanda Janik, grade seven. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



CAPTAINS FOR THE 1998 Junior Football Warriors are, from left - Mike Toto, Zack Bussiere, Andrew Wakelee, and Kurt Schebel.

Riverside Speedway Slates First "Breakfast Of Champions" For Oct. 30th

Riverside Park Speedway and KIX 97.9 FM will join forces to host the "Breakfast of Champions" at the Speedway on Friday, October 30th from 6:00-9:00 a.m.

The Track Champions in each of Riverside Park's seven NASCAR Winston Racing Series divisions have been invited, along with Champions from other local tracks, and NASCAR Touring divisions.

"This is a great opportunity for us to show our appreciation and pride in the Champions that have been crowned in 1998," stated Director of Auto Racing Joe Lewandoski. "This will also be a chance for our Champions to say 'thanks' and share their thoughts on the radio." The three-hour event will be broadcast live on KIX 97.9 FM, a popular country radio station in Springfield, MA.

"I hope we can start a tradition by con-

gratulating the Champions each year with this fun event," continued Lewandoski, "and I hope we can provide an interesting and entertaining radio program for the listeners."

KIX 97.9 FM also brought listeners an inside look at the opening of the Featherlite Modified Series at Riverside Park in March. The country station broadcast its morning show live from the Speedway as the first teams rolled in for practice on March 20th.

NASCAR Racing continues at Riverside Park Speedway on October 31st and November 1st, with the running of the Enfield Pontiac 400. Modifieds and SK Modifieds will headline the eight-division program, with qualifying taking place on Saturday, October 31st, beginning at 12:30 p.m. Features will start at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, November 1st.

Agawam Recreational Group Night At Springfield Falcons On Fri., Oct. 16th

The Springfield Falcons are pleased to announce Agawam Recreational Group Night at the Springfield Civic Center on Opening Night, Friday, October 16th at 7:30 p.m.

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Agawam Recreation Department Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. All adult and senior ticket prices are \$10 and youth tickets (18 yrs. or younger) are \$7. This year, 50 cents from every ticket will be donated to the Recreation Department for youth activities. Downtown parking is FREE in the Civic Center, I-91, and Columbus Ave. parking garages with your ticket stub.

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Pioneer Valley Soccer Round-Up

U14 Girls - Agawam Tigers

The U14 Agawam Tigers continue their push for the playoffs and third place in torrid Division I of the Pioneer Valley Junior Soccer League.

The Tigers are currently in a battle with Northampton for third place, who they played to a scoreless tie on Tuesday, October 7th, at Smith and Wesson. First place as always is being held by defending state MTOC champion East Longmeadow, who have added to their unbelievable streak of games without a loss in the PVSL (it's now at 106 according to EL folks). Second place is being held by the Ludlow Cyclones, the team EL defeated in the MTOC title game last spring.

Against 'Hamp on Tuesday, the Tigers dominated from the opening whistle, pouring 18 shots on goal compared to 'Hamp's three, two of which came in the final three minutes when they pressed the attack.

The Tigers had three glittering chances to score one of their many shots, two in the first half and one in the second. Left wing Jenn Sharpe hit the post from 15 yards out early in the first half and the rebound was kicked wide. Late in the half, Danielle Cirillo, moved up to striker, brilliantly split two defenders from 45 yards out, but the goalie thwarted the breakaway bid to keep the Tigers off the board.

And midway through the second half when the Tigers were dominating from 40 yards and in, wing Kaitlin Sardella one-timed a left-footer from 18 yards out that was blocked by the goalie who came from flat on her back to stop the sure-goal with her head.

Midfielders Whitney Brown (best game of the season), Meaghan Brown, Aimee Beaudette, and Nicole Gendreau owned the midfield and allowed the forward line to buzz the net from the penalty area. Fullbacks Sherri Laskowski, Melissa Savenko, Tricia Fitchben, and sweeper Kim Hoague played hard and constantly beat 'Hamp's forwards to the ball.

When 'Hamp finally took to the attack in the final three minutes, goalie Vicki Taylor was there to make the one big stop she needed to make. Also lending a helping hand to the win were forwards Kelly Reilly and Victoria Ruhl.

In an easy 4-1 win over Cold Spring on early Saturday morning at the Robinson State Park Field, it was midfield day as halfback Meaghan Brown scored her third and fourth goals of the season on shots of 20 and 25 yards, respectively; Aimee Beaudette dropped one in from 20 yards (2nd of the season); and fullback Melissa Savenko drilled one home from 30 yards out high into the upper corner for her second of the season.

The fullbacks also played well, including Danielle Cirillo, Melissa Savenko, Tricia Fitchben, Ellen Rannenberg, and sweeper Kim Hoague.

U10 Girls - Agawam Twisters

Rebounding from two losses the previous week, the girls' U10 Agawam Twisters of the Pioneer Valley Soccer League last weekend turned it around in dramatic, convincing fashion. The Twisters played crisp, well-played soccer and emerged with two impressive victories on the road.

On Saturday, the girls defeated Cold Spring in Belchertown by the score of 1-0. Good defense predominated, as both teams battled scorelessly until the late minutes of the game, when Christina Bertrand made a sparkling pass to set up Heather Coache for the game-winning shot.

On Sunday, the Twisters travelled to Chicopee for a game against AJAC Spice. Passing was the name of the game as the girls gritted their way to a masterful 3-0 win, combining smart, sure passing with an all-around balanced attack.

"This game was our best of the year," said Coach Mike Obue. "I really can't say enough about the team's passing. Everybody really came to play today," he said.

The game was scoreless until late in the first half, when Christina Bertrand sent the first goal into the net. In the second half, Cassie Ashwell sailed the Twisters' second goal just over the reach of the goalie's fingertips. The third goal was scored by Megan Lalli, who was assisted with fine set-up passes by Kaitlin Outhuse and Stephanie Obue.

"They really gave an awesome effort," Coach Obue said. "All of the girls' skills were in place, and they really played together like a team," he said.

The Twisters are off this coming weekend for the Columbus Day holiday, and then conclude their season with two games the following weekend.

The Sunday, October 18th game is the final game of the season, to be played at 1:15 p.m. at Robinson (beside the State Pool on Maynard Street). Come on out and cheer on the Twisters!

U10 Boys - Agawam Ball Hogs

This past weekend brought one loss and one win to the Ball Hogs to bring their record to 4-4-2.

On Saturday, October 3rd, the Ball Hogs met Holy Name Thunder. In the first two minutes of the game, front linesman Anthony DePalma scored a goal with an incredible left-foot kick. The pressure was on!

Throughout this match (which included quite a bit of physical contact), Holy Name made numerous (20) shots on goal, and thanks to goalie Chris Alvanos, only three went in. The strong defense by Steven Donah, Alfredo Septembre, and Chris Wyman, as well as the six shots on goal by front linesman Ryan Wytrych, kept the Ball Hogs fans cheering.

In the last few minutes of the game, front linesman Anthony Costa scored one more goal to end the game with a score. The final was Ball Hogs 2, Holy Name Thunder 3.

On Sunday, October 4th, the Ball Hogs beat Mount Carmel, 3-1.

Again in the first 10 minutes of the game, front linesman Ryan Wytrych scored a goal on a corner kick by Anthony DePalma. The Ball Hogs dominated the game with excellent passing and follow-up by Randy Holmes, Danny Geiger, and Greg Santos, and superb defense by Carmino Bonavita and Alfredo Septembre.

In the second half, Anthony Costa scored with another assist by Anthony DePalma. Steven Donah, in the defense position, "booted" one more in before the final whistle. Goalie Chris Alvanos also deserves a hand.

Coach Tony DePalma is pleased with the team's effort and determination on the field. In their last two games, the Ball Hogs will face AJAC and Wilbraham.

A.S.A. In-Town Girls' & Co-Ed Soccer Standings

U-10 GIRLS

	W	L	T	P
Marsh's Black Shadows	5	1	0	15
Maloney's Titanics	4	0	1	13
Pfau's Mad Dogs	3	1	1	10
Olson's Golden Eagles	2	2	1	7
Wood's Blue Jays	2	3	1	7
Prout's Blue Twisters	2	2	0	6
Brewster's Strikers	1	3	1	4
Ruhl's Blue Marauders	0	3	3	3
Morace's Orange	0	4	1	1

U-12 GIRLS

	W	L	T	P
LaValley's Green	5	0	1	16
Rollins' Blue Typhoons	5	1	0	15
Lyman's Gold	3	2	0	9
Zmaczynski's Orange	2	4	0	6
Gould's Navy Blue	0	4	1	1
Morace's Red	0	5	0	0

U-14 CO-ED

	W	L	T	P
Fournier's Agawam Gunners	6	1	0	18
Adams' Smashing Pumpkins	5	1	0	15
Heneghan's Blue	3	3	0	9
Veighey's Green Monkeys	2	4	0	6
Vinton's Gold	0	7	0	0

Agawam Soccer Assoc. Standings (As Of 10/4)

UNDER 12 BOYS

	W	L	T	P
P. Sadowski Attack	5	0	2	12
A. Moysis Bulldogs	5	2	1	10
G. Little Fighting Irish	3	3	1	7
E. Nawskon Killer Bees	2	3	1	5
D. Prisby Flames	0	6	0	0

UNDER 17 COED

	W	L	T	P
Spear's Red	5	0	0	15
Comee's Green Destroyers	3	2	0	9
Kelly's Blue	2	3	0	6
Campana's Orange	0	5	0	0

UNDER 10 BOYS

	W	L	T	P
M. Morassi Rockets	5	0	0	10
D. Parent White Sharks	3	1	2	8
A. Goncalves Agawam Spirit	3	2	1	7
T. Kopyscinski Blue Jays	3	0	1	7
B. Gonyeau Invaders	2	2	2	6
P. Vershon Blackhawks	2	3	1	5
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Tuna ... Tuna ... Tuna!!!

It was a cool October morning, but the fishing was red-hot aboard the Yankee Captains' 100-foot fishing vessel. We were fishing party-boat tuna style about 100 miles south of Buzzards Bay.

A pod of dolphin that numbered in the thousands were actively feeding on the bait fish near the surface, whales were everywhere, and so were the tuna! Multiple hook-ups were the rule rather than the exception. We were trolling in the area known as the 'Fish Tails.' Two dozen anglers were trolling in shifts of eight at the stern. With a 24-foot beam and the two outriggers, there was plenty of fishing room.

These overnight two- and three-day trips bring the excitement of tuna fishing within the range of the average fisherman's budget.

Those anglers who do not own their own tackle can rent the up-to-date "stand-up" gear at what must surely be the least expensive fee anywhere. The stand-up tackle consists of Sealine stand-up rods and Penn 114H reels filled with 100-pound High Seas mono line.

The tuna trips depart from Fairhaven, MA, and leave port at 10:00 p.m. the night before. Anglers are encouraged to get a good night's sleep in preparation for the marathon of excitement.

The morning bite was absolutely spectacular! When it was time for the second team to take over the trolling positions, "team one" was ready for the rest period. After three consecutive fish, one angler remarked that his arms were so tired that he didn't think he could raise his coffee cup!

The Yankee Captains use an extensive array of L.O.R.A.N., S.O.N.A.R., differential G.P.S., and a special computer with bathymetric software. The computer is integrated with the navigational equipment and shows the canyon contours in relation to the boat's course and marks each location of fish hook-ups. This allows the boat to turn and troll back over the exact spots that produced fish on the previous run. This really helps to take the guesswork out of finding the fish.

When a fish is hooked, one of the captains leaves the wheelhouse and mans the controls on the second deck just above the stern. This way, he can see the action and give either the port or starboard engines a nudge, so as to keep the fish directly at the stern. This makes landing the fish much easier for the angler.

Greg Mercurio is the captain who usually maintains the trolling spread and rigs the spreader bars and daisy chains at the stern, giving expert instructions when a fish is hooked.

The crew of the Yankee Captains are mostly full-timers, with one of the mates in his 15th year. This type of friendly, experienced crew makes the trip really special. With four or five hard-fighting yellowfin or albacore hooked up at once, they manage to keep lines untangled and produce order out of what would normally be chaos. Not a single fish was lost on the entire trip!

During a gut-busting fight, when you finally see the flash of your fish below, you think that the fight is over. You soon realize that your tuna is still down 30 feet or more, and has no intention of being hauled to the surface.

When your tuna tires, it will find a comfortable depth and simply circle around. They never stop fighting! Once the mates can get a gloved hand on the 400-pound leader, your catch is as good as iced. With one smooth motion, a second mate sinks home the gaff and hauls the thrashing tuna aboard.

The Yankee Captains' vessel is equipped with huge, insulated fish boxes and several tons of ice. The day's catch is immediately drawn and shouldered. Within minutes of hitting the deck, your tasty prize is bled, dressed, and iced down to preserve the quality of the meat.

Most of the morning's albacore were jumbos weighing in at 40 to 60 pounds. The yellowfin were in the 60- to 80-pound class.

The single lures, daisy chains, and spreader bars were trolled in a "W." Each trolling position had multiple hook-ups. The excitement of watching a hefty tuna come up and smash your surface-trolled lure 20 feet from the boat, is hard to beat. Everyone on the trip caught fish.

Tuna are capable of speeds in excess of 40 miles per hour. A tuna's first run can strip over 100 feet of line against the reel's drag before you can even haul the rod from its holder.

As evening turned into night, the trolling gear was stowed away and the vessel moved to an area in about 550 feet of water and dropped anchor. The crew had cut up about 400 pounds of butterfish and began chumming to attract the tuna to the boat.



KENT SERVIS, our intrepid outdoor writer, caught this 50-pound striped bass in June. Before he begins any fishing trip, good ol' Kent utters the following: "Grant this day I catch a fish ... So large that even I ... When telling of it afterwards ... Shall have no need to lie."

The mates set up the rods with freshly sharpened hooks and 16-ounce sinkers in preparation for the night bite. During these nighttime "chunking" sessions, the largest tuna are usually caught. Large yellowfin tuna predominate, with an occasional big-eye and swordfish mixed in.

The night vigil can get rather long, until the bite turns on; but once it does, hours seem like minutes!

One piece of equipment that I highly recommend is a 15- to 20-pound spinning outfit and a handful of squid jigs. The bright deck lights and the flood lights that illuminate the water around the boat draw hundreds of squid near the surface.

The whole butterfish or freshly thawed squid works pretty well, but there is nothing like a fresh, live squid to tempt a hungry tuna. A couple of five-gallon plastic buckets are additional good items to bring along for a group of anglers. Several anglers can share a bucket of fresh seawater to put the live squid into.

The reason that I recommend two buckets is that when first placed in a bucket, many times the squid will "ink" or discharge a black, water-borne defensive smokescreen. This will foul the water and reduce the length of time that you can keep several squid alive.

By using the first bucket as a temporary holding tank, the squid will discharge the "ink" and can then be transferred to the bucket with the clean water.

You may be fishing anywhere from 30 to 300 feet down, depending on what depth the sonar shows the fish. It is very important to let your line down very slowly so that the bait does not spiral up around the line as the heavier sinker drops. Many experienced anglers will quite literally measure one-foot pulls of line from the reel and make sure that their bait is at the right depth.

Memories of arched rods and the sounds of tuna thumping their tails on deck will keep alive the excitement until the next trip rolls around.

By late October, the tuna fishing comes to an end, and the Yankee Captains move their operation to Key West, Florida for the winter months. Overnight trips for snapper, king mackerel, and grouper keep Florida anglers busy until spring, when the Yankee Captains return to their Gloucester, Massachusetts headquarters.

Now is the time to get together with your fishing buddies and start planning next year's adventure. Tuna trips fill up fast and are booked early. A testament to the quality experience offered by the Yankee Captains is the fact that most of the anglers on a trip are repeat customers.

For reservations and information, contact the Yankee Captains at 1-800-942-5464 and check out their web site at www.yankeecaps.com. They also have some great links to weather and tide sites.

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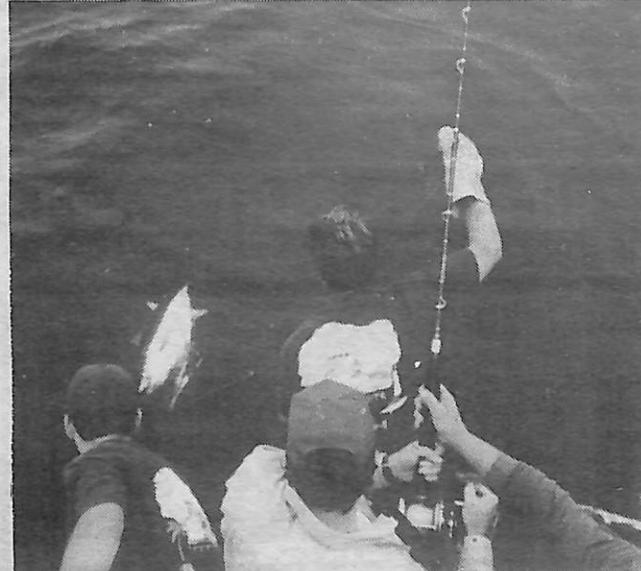
Trout action should pick up in local lakes and ponds. The division has started their fall stocking of trout, and the cooler temperatures should find the fish in the shallower depths.

Connecticut River anglers are scoring some nice bass, both largemouth and smallmouth. Try working jig and pig combos on the outer edges of what is left of the weed lines. The secret here is to work your offering slowly.

Catfishing has slowed, but a few diehards are still finding Mr. Whiskers after dark. Fresh shrimp, eel heads, and large, fresh-killed shiners are scoring.



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Carp fishing is still an on-and-off proposition. Whole kernel corn and branberry dough bait is still the best bet.

SALT WATER

Stripers are taking both eels and plugs in the Rhode Island surf. Quonny and Charlestown Beachway are giving up both stripers and blues. Beach fishermen are hitting both bass and blues all along the shorelines. Traditional favorites near Misquamicut such as the Andrea Hotel, the pink house, and Watch Hill light are all producing some good bass and some gorilla blues.

Party-boat fishing at the Race has been up and down, depending on the weather and the fish. Most boats are targeting blues, and some real jumbos have been coming in.

Offshore tuna action has been hot if you are willing to run 100 miles out to the canyons. Bluefin are hitting closer in, but the season is closed and everything must be catch-and-release as far as the bluefin are concerned.

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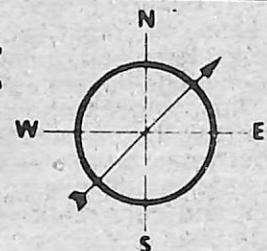
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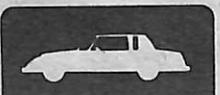
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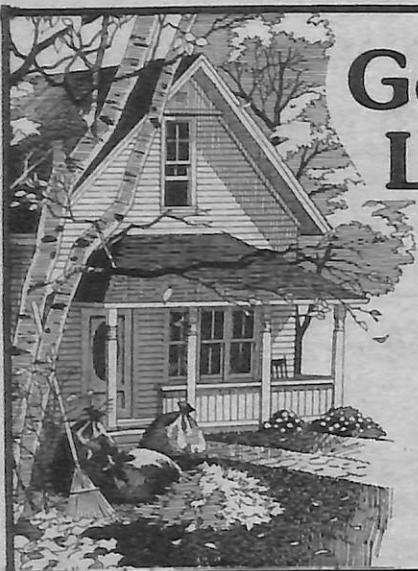
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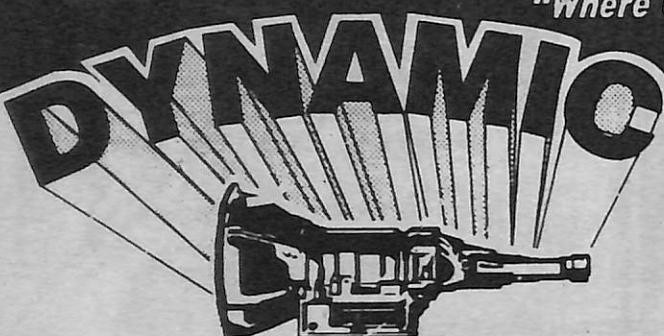
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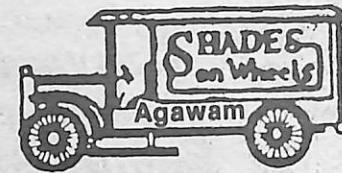
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